

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF LEXINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1881-82.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Time, with unvarying precision, has again brought around the annual period when those who were intrusted with the administration of the various municipal duties, which the law requires to be fulfilled, and also those that are incidental, and which necessarily occur during the year, are by the order of the town to be submitted in detail, for your consideration and approval, or disapproval.

At the commencement of a financial year, no definite plan of action, applicable in every department, can be adopted, for the obvious reason, that very many of the demands are unforeseen and subject to such exigencies as to require immediate action. It is also very difficult to estimate, with exactness, the expense of repairs and incidentals for an ensuing year; therefore in viewing retrospectively the acts and labors of the past, if only for a year, it would be an anomaly if there were not some labor performed that had not resulted as intended, some act that had proved ineffectual, some expenditure not as judicious as desired, and advice or suggestions designed for good were unheeded.

Fortunately, for the credit of the town, no events have transpired that have called for the intervention or the exercise of any authority vested in the Selectmen, except a few matters not at all unusual, and of such a

character as often happen and are not unexpected. Very little has occurred to disturb the peace and quietness (except what is referred to in the subject of Police); no misfortune, either by fire or sickness, has befallen the town, but health and prosperity have been enjoyed; death, however, has visited some households and removed some of our citizens, who for many years have manifested their interest in the welfare and reputation of the town by advocating and assisting in those measures and improvements which were intended for convenience and the general good.

Your attention is called to some matters referred to the Selectmen either for adjustment, or with specific instructions.

PROSSER'S GRAVEL PIT.

It appears by reference to a contract, made in behalf of the town by the Selectmen and Mr. Prosser, in 1873, that the right was purchased of Mr. Prosser for the sum of seven hundred dollars, to take gravel and other material, except loam, for seven years, from a gravel bank situated on Waltham Street, with the restriction that the land, after removing the gravel and all refuse material, should be left at a certain grade. In removing the gravel a ledge was found, which, if its removal be persisted in, would involve a heavy expense. Mr. Prosser, however, waives the requirement. It was found upon examination that the surveyors, in some of the past years, have, in taking gravel, exceeded the limits of the contract by excavating to a depth below the prescribed grade. At the expiration of the lease or contract, the attention of the Selectmen was called to the

non-fulfilment of its requirements. The matter was brought before the town at a meeting held during the past year, and it was voted that the Selectmen be authorized to settle with Mr. Prosser. This we have done on the following basis: The town to have one year in which to remove all gravel or other material, and leave the premises at a certain grade, described in the agreement; if not removed in one year from date, then the town to pay one hundred dollars per year until removed, but not to exceed five years. A large quantity of the material has already been removed, and it is presumed the remainder will be within the year. We will here state that Mr. Prosser intends, and has commenced widening Waltham Street the entire length of his land, by giving for public use a strip of land nearly ten feet in width, thus making the street fifty feet in width.

TRAMPS.

It is gratifying to feel assured that the tramp nuisance is gradually disappearing. This fact is made apparent by comparing the past year with the previous one. There were 404 in 1880, and 123 in 1881.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE CEMETERY.

The necessity of enlarging the Cemetery was brought before the town at the last March meeting, and the subject was referred to a committee, with instructions to report at the next town meeting. At a meeting held in April, the committee were unable to report, and asked for further time, which was granted. At a meet-

ing held Nov. 7, the committee submitted a report, which was accepted, and on motion passed the following vote: "That the town authorize the Selectmen to take the land of John D. Bacon, as recommended by the committee, as provided by Chap. 69, Sect. 1, of the Acts of 1877."

In accordance with the foregoing vote, a petition was presented to the County Commissioners, requesting them to view the premises and take the land of John D. Bacon, as provided by law. On the 28th of November the Commissioners met at the Selectmen's room in the Town Hall building, and have made the following return of their doings: "And now said Commissioners, having viewed the premises and heard the parties interested therein, do adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require the taking of the land of said John D. Bacon for the enlargement of said Cemetery, as prayed for, and the following is a true description of said land as hereby condemned and taken for the purposes as aforesaid:—

"Beginning at a point in the southerly location line of the Lexington and Arlington branch of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, at the division line between the Cemetery and land of John D. Bacon, thence northwesterly by said location line of said railroad one hundred eighty-two and sixteen hundredths (182.16) feet to the division line between land of said Bacon and land of Sarah A. Russell, thence westerly by said division line two hundred fifty-nine and sixty-two hundredths (259.62) feet, thence southeasterly two hundred twenty-five and forty-one hundredths (225.41) feet to the division line between the Cemetery and land of said Bacon, thence northeasterly by last-mentioned division line three hundred

and fifty-four hundredths (300.54) feet to point of beginning. The above description is intended to conform to a plan drawn by C. R. Richardson, surveyor, dated 1881, entitled 'Plan of land owned by John D. Bacon, taken by the town of Lexington for a Cemetery,' and the Commissioners, having heard the owner of said land, together with the owners of the adjoining estates, in the matter of damages, do determine and award to said John D. Bacon the sum of eighteen hundred (\$1,800) dollars, which sum is to be paid by the town of Lexington to said Bacon, as a full and just award to him for all damages done by the taking of the above-described parcel of land, or by injury to the remaining lands, or whatever damage done in any manner to said estate of said Bacon."

It will be necessary for the town, at the March meeting, to make an appropriation for the payment for the land, or take such other action as may be deemed advisable, for which purpose an article will be inserted in the warrant.

We have perhaps given a more explicit account in the foregoing description than was necessary, but the subject being one in which the whole town has a deep interest, and the first instance for the town to adopt such measures to obtain land, also the expense being considerable, are some reasons that influenced us so to do. The expenses thus far have been \$58.05.

TOWN BUILDINGS.

The buildings belonging to the town are in such condition as to require no outlay, except for such repairs as casually occur.

We feel it our duty to call your attention to the large amount of property in the Town Hall building that cannot receive that care and supervision that is needed for its safety unless a janitor is constantly employed. A portion of the building is required to be open three days in each week, on account of the library, and other portions more or less of the time. It would be an easy matter, while the building is open, for a person so disposed to mar or injure the statues and other valuable articles, with but slight chance of detection. If a policeman was employed, with headquarters in the building, who would also serve as janitor, the expense would be lessened, the property better protected, the building kept in a neater condition, and when an officer was desired he could be easily found. It may not be generally known that the town records and many valuable papers are not protected from fire. The brick vault in the Town House, in which a portion of the records both old and new are kept, is not fire-proof, and are almost sure to be destroyed in case of fire. The iron safe is filled with books and papers, which are perhaps somewhat better protected. It would, we believe, be a wise precaution for the town to obtain a fire-proof safe, of dimensions sufficient to hold all the present records, and those of the future. Such a one could be purchased and warranted fire-proof for four or five hundred dollars. This subject will be brought before the town at the March meeting for your consideration.

GUIDE BOARDS.

A considerable number of new boards have been put up and others repaired when needed; but as there

seems to be a malicious spirit continually bent upon injuring or destroying them, there are always more or less missing or defaced.

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

In Section 5 of Article 4 of the By-Laws of the town, it states, "The Selectmen shall appoint annually two or more police officers." All our efforts to find any persons in town who could be induced to accept the office of police were wholly unsuccessful. Meanwhile, it being known that there was no police force, rowdyism and lawlessness became so common that many, especially females, dared not appear on the streets in the evening for fear of being subjected to insults. Request after request was made to us for protection; finally the demand became so urgent that we were convinced that some stringent measures must be adopted and put in force. Being unable to procure police officers in town, our only alternative was to look elsewhere. After considerable inquiry in other towns, the chief of police of the city of Somerville recommended Mr. Cyrus D. Clark as a competent person for the position, and, having had experience, was conversant with the duties required. We made arrangements and secured the services of Mr. Clark until March next, at a salary of two dollars and a half per day, with instructions to be on duty every night until after the arrival of the late train, to protect, as far as possible, persons from insult in the streets, and to be in such other places when necessary to prevent if possible any disturbance of the peace; to take measures to suppress the illegal sale of liquor, and perform such

other duties as might occur and come within the duties of a police officer.

As the town appropriated five hundred dollars to enforce the liquor law, and as a part of the duties required of the officer was for that purpose, we have drawn from that appropriation in connection with the grant for constables and police. The amount expended for constables and all police expenses, including special police for Fourth of July, has been \$636.80.

Whole number of arrests, 7: males, 6; females, 1. Causes of arrest: defacing a church and assault, 1; common drunkards, 2; assault and battery, 4; violating liquor law, 1, inclusive of the above.

In making the departure from the usual custom of selecting an officer from out of town, we well knew there would be a division of opinion as to the practicability of the measure, it being somewhat experimental. Now, after seven months' experience, we have many assurances that the procurement of an officer from out of town has proved so effectual that there is almost an entire change in conduct and behavior, also in speech, not only in the streets, but in other public places. The desire has been repeatedly expressed, even by those who were opposed or doubted the expediency of the course at first, after witnessing the beneficial results, that the town would take measures for its continuation. We would recommend that the town, in the election of constables, elect them also as police officers.

DRAINAGE.

In the Selectmen's report of last year the following statement was made: "It can now with certainty be

stated that the drainage matter — which has been very expensive and annoying — is now effectually settled." Since that statement was made a demand from Messrs. Morse and Allen has been presented and paid.

It appears that after the death of Mr. Somerby, who had been counsel for the town, Messrs. Morse and Allen were engaged by Mr. Hudson, against whom several suits had been commenced. It is now presumed that no more demands can be made, and that the drainage subject will be an event of the past, and may afford pleasant recollections to some when viewing their productive lands, made so at your expense.

NUISANCE.

The practice of depositing bristles in the northerly part of the town for the purpose of bleaching them has created a nuisance to such an extent that an application was made to us early in the spring to cause its abatement. We immediately requested those who were depositing them to desist. This request being unheeded, we then took legal measures, which gave the party the alternative to stop at once or be prosecuted. A promise from them that no more should be deposited in town, and those then on hand should be removed in a specified time, was accepted by us. A complaint has recently been made that another location has been selected, which is within the limits of the town, and is being covered with bristles, thus violating the agreement. Some coercive measures must be taken and peremptorily enforced.

A few explanations in regard to some of the expend-

itures may answer some inquiries. The appropriation for the expenses of the Cary Library was \$600; but the report of the Auditors will show only \$260 used, whereas it is \$567.93. The difference happens in this way: there is only one gas meter in the Town Hall building; consequently all the gas consumed there is measured by this one meter; and the only way of making a division of the number of feet of gas used in the different parts of the building is by estimate. It is supposed that three fourths of the gas used is for the Library. The same is true in regard to the amount of fuel consumed. The cost of gas for the year was \$247.32; three fourths of this sum is \$185.49: the cost of coal, \$163.25; three fourths of this would be \$122.43: the \$260 in the Auditors' account was for the services of the librarian. The sums united make the amount properly belonging to the grant for the Library, and should be deducted from the contingent grant from which they were paid. We make this explanation, not that the aggregate amount is affected, only the division in the two appropriations.

CONTINGENT GRANT.

An appropriation of \$1,200 was made for the purpose of meeting contingencies. The Treasurer's account will show that \$1,529.56 has been drawn; of this sum paid, \$307.91 was for gas and coal for the Cary Library, which has been previously explained. Before the appropriation in April last for printing was made, the sum of \$171.50 had been paid from the contingent grant; \$42 had also been paid, which belonged to the

grant for Auditors. These amounts, \$521.42, taken from the contingent grant and placed in their respective places, reduce the amount paid and properly belonging to the contingent grant to \$1,008.14.

An expenditure for damages occasioned by being thrown down an embankment while crossing the railroad, on Bow Street, in East Lexington, to avoid litigation, it was deemed best to settle promptly, although the accident was on the premises of the railroad. The proper officers of the Boston and Lowell Railroad were notified immediately after the accident, and now, after a delay of nearly a year, we have the assurance that the town will be reimbursed. Another item of \$150, paid for legal services which were rendered before the commencement of the year, was not a part of the current expenses of the year.

FINANCIAL.

Quarterly examinations of the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Treasurer have been made in accordance with the vote of the town. The yearly settlement, Jan. 31, 1882, shows the cash on hand, \$3,453.62; amount of uncollected taxes, \$4,078.77; total, \$7,532.39; town debt, Jan. 31, 1882, \$46,950.00; \$9,550 of this amount is trust funds. It will be necessary at the March meeting that measures be taken to meet a demand due April 1, for \$12,300. If no unforeseen demand arises, we would suggest the taking of \$3,000 of the amount in the treasury, towards paying the demand due 1st of April, and borrowing the balance, payable in such instalments as might accommodate the

town to meet from any surplus funds on hand, thus avoiding the necessity of a permanent loan.

If in the foregoing report we have not explained in detail sufficiently to be understood, any inquiry will be received with pleasure.

B. C. WHITCHER,
ALBERT W. BRYANT, } *Selectmen*
JOSEPH F. SIMONDS, } *of*
 } *Lexington.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1882.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Tax list committed for 1881	\$32,816 75
Supplementary list	143 90
Total list committed	<u>\$32,960 65</u>
Amount collected to date	\$28,331 40
" allowed for prompt payment	329 83
" abated by Assessors	220 65
" uncollected	4,078 77
	<u>\$32,960 65</u>

CHARLES T. WEST, *Collector.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1882.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:—

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1881	\$4,762 48
On account of Taxes for 1880	3,977 56
" " " " " 1881	28,331 40
Temporary Loans	7,000 00
Use of Town Hall and Rooms	469 25
Account of Fire Department	1 50
" Highway "	146 35
" School "	215 22
" Pauper "	790 80
" Village Hall	27 00
L. A. Saville, Histories sold	10 60
" " Town Scales	39 73
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax	1,088 70
" " Bank Tax	694 62
" " State Aid	230 50
" " Relief of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors	342 00
" " for Dog Tax	300 89
Account of Contingent Grant	324 05
" " Interest	234 60
" " Sidewalks	548 05
" " Cemetery Funds (Deposit)	100 00
" " " " (Income)	127 16
" " Gammell Legacy	35 00
Total	<u>\$49,797 46</u>

The Treasurer credits himself with having paid as follows:—

Account of Fire Department.....	\$1,427 72
“ “ Highway “	3,431 06
“ “ School “	9,127 38
“ “ Pauper “	2,060 91
“ “ Contingent “	1,529 56
“ “ County Tax.....	1,228 64
“ “ State Tax.....	2,445 00
“ “ State Aid.....	387 00
“ “ Interest.....	3,023 47
“ “ Sexton.....	51 25
“ “ Masonic Hall Repairs.....	19 77
“ “ Parker Street.....	198 37
“ “ Treasurer and Collector.....	700 00
“ “ Street Lights	1,122 88
“ “ Improving Cemetery.....	105 81
“ “ Selectmen.....	800 00
“ “ Outside Poor.....	1,120 32
“ “ Temporary Loans.....	5,000 00
“ “ Sidewalks.....	1,330 39
“ “ Cemetery Funds.....	86 00
“ “ Merriam Street.....	69 12
“ “ School Committee.....	300 00
“ “ Town Debt.....	5,000 00
“ “ Decoration Day.....	74 25
“ “ Flag Staff.....	502 50
“ “ Assessors.....	421 80
“ “ Ringing Bells.....	70 00
“ “ Gammell Legacy.....	31 05
“ “ Town Clerk.....	100 00
“ “ Constable and Police.....	636 80
“ “ Cary Library.....	262 00
“ “ Printing.....	41 50
“ “ Bridge Fund	2,000 00
“ “ Insurance.....	460 00
“ “ Hudson Cabinet.....	58 30
“ “ Janitors of Town and Village Halls.....	248 31
“ “ Treasurer of Cary Library.....	50 00
“ “ Removing Snow.....	521 79
“ “ Treasurer Cary Library (Dog money)	300 89
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	3,453 62

Total..... \$49,797 46

CHARLES T. WEST, *Town Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1882.

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

DATE.	TO WHOM.	AMOUNT.	RATE OF INTEREST.	PAYABLE.
June 1, 1870,...	State of Massachusetts.....	\$10,000	6 per cent.	June 1, 1890.
July 1, 1870,...	“	5,000	6 “	July 1, 1890.
Aug. 1, 1870,...	“	5,000	6 “	Aug. 1, 1890.
Sept. 1, 1870,...	“	5,000	6 “	Sept. 1, 1890.
Feb. 28, 1871,...	Treasurer of Cary Library.....	5,000	6 “	Feb. 28, 1887.
April 1, 1874,...	George Holden.....	12,300	7 “	April 1, 1882.
April 8, 1881,...	F. E. Ballard, Treasurer (Bridge Fund).....	2,000	6 “	Demand.
July 23, 1874,...	Trust Funds — Gammell Legacy.....	500	7 “	
	“ “ Cemetery Funds.....	2,150	6 “	
		<u>\$46,950</u>		

CEMETERY FUNDS.

The Town Treasurer respectfully submits the following report on Cemetery Funds:—

Amount of deposits previously acknowledged.....\$2,050 00
 March 12, 1881, Mary Wells Merrill (by executor) 100 00

Total deposits to date.....\$2,150 90

	INCOME.	EXPENDED.
Balance unexpended as per last report.....	\$42 96	.....
Heirs of John Winning, No. 47	18 00	\$12 00
Estate of Isaac B. Smith, No. 69.....	6 00	5 00
“ “ Eliab Brown, No. 27.....	9 00	7 00
Mrs. O. A. Dodge, No. 30.....	6 00	4 00
Nathan Fessenden, No. 73.....	9 00	6 00
Almira M. Chandler, No. 92	6 00	8 00
Marshall H. Locke, No. 37.....	6 00	5 00
Charles Hudson, No. 16.....	9 00	7 00
J. B. Simonds (lot in old cemetery).....	24 00	12 00
Abigail Buttrick, Lot No. 105.....	12 00	6 00
Caira Robbins (lot in East Lexington cemetery). 17 35	10 00	
Mary Wells Merrill (old cemetery)	4 81	4 00
Balance unexpended.....	84 12	
	\$170 12	\$170 12

CHARLES T. WEST, *Town Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1882.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Whole number of births in 1881, 30. Males, 17; Females, 13. American parentage, 18; foreign parentage, 9; mixed parentage, 3.

MARRIAGES.

Marriages registered in Lexington for the year 1881: Whole number, 22; both parties American, 15; both parties foreign, 3; American and foreign, 4.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1881.		
January 2.....	Timothy Donovan..... Abbie E. Dailey.....	Lexington. Lexington.
January 8.....	Martin W. Brown..... Lizzie A. Hill.....	Waltham. Newton.
January 12.....	Lyman W. Estabrook..... Hattie Ellen Keyon.....	Lexington. New Ipswich, N.H.
January 29.....	James E. Lovejoy..... Mary J. Pevey.....	Lexington. Lexington.
February 5.....	E. Bigelow Winship..... Georgiana M. Smith.....	Lexington. Lexington.
February 14....	Israel Welch..... Annie Higgins.....	Lexington. Lexington.
April 7.....	Milo N. Van Steenburg..... Sarah Luella Sherman.....	Northbridge. Lexington.
April 13.....	Leonard C. Bennink..... Kittie A. Crone.....	Lexington. Lexington.
April 23.....	Jeremiah O'Donnell	Lexington.
	Bridget Donnelly.....	Lexington.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
May 19.....	Cornelius J. Manley..... Nellie A. Harrington.....	Lexington. Lexington.
May 31.....	Henry E. Urann..... Lizzie M. Batchelder.....	Providence, R. I. Lexington.
June 6.....	Edward W. Bettinson..... Thankful B. Brown.....	Lexington. Essex.
June 7.....	George Abbott Furness..... Alice Brimmer Reed.....	Rochester, N. Y. Lexington.
July 1.....	John T. Adair..... Katie L. Cutler.....	Lexington. Bedford.
July 13.....	John C. Caldwell..... Joanna L. Kelly.....	Lexington. Lexington.
September 8...	Cornelius Linnehan..... Mary Ann McNamara.....	Lexington. Lexington.
October 6.....	Frank Hagar Bigelow..... Mary Ellen Spaulding.....	Concord. Lexington.
October 26....	Charles E. I. Dale..... Madelaine Moore Mears....	Boston. Lexington.
November 16...	Henry Clay Mixer..... Estella A. Bailey.....	Arlington. Lexington.
November 17...	Willard C. Peirce..... Sarah E. Benjamin.....	Lexington. Concord.
November 20...	Jairus C. Wheeler..... Alice M. Tibbets.....	Acton. Concord.
November 24..	Edward J. Teague..... Mary Gorman.....	Lexington. Lexington.

DEATHS.

RECORDED IN LEXINGTON FROM JAN. 1, 1881, TO JAN. 1, 1882.

DATE. 1881.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.	BIRTHPLACE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Jan. 3	Ellen M. Whittier.....	59	8	21	Cancer of Stomach	Boston.
" 11	Patrick Reynolds.....	64	...	...	Paralysis	Ireland.
" 11	Eunice Harriet Howe.....	64	4	19	Paralysis	Boston.
" 14	James T. McCarty.....	22	2	9	Tuberculosis Amt.	Lexington.
" 16	Mary Ann Burbank.....	74	3	3	Broken Hip, etc...	Charlestown.
" 20	Nancy R. Foster.....	69	1	...	Paralysis	Winchester, N.H.
" 25	Mary Agnes Reardon.....	...	4	1	Water on Brain...	Lexington.
Feb. 4	Ellen M. Packard.....	40	10	16	Measles, etc...	Westford, Vt.
" 5	Fanny S. Packard.....	62	2	8	Cong'n of Lungs...	Fairfax, Vt.
" 9	Sarah L. Jefferson.....	19	11	3	Heart Disease...	Cambridge.
" 16	Mary E. Kelly.....	18	3	24	Typhoid Fever...	Boston.
" 28	Herbert E. Fullerton.....	...	1	22	Convulsions	Lexington.
March 9	Katie Lyman.....	...	9	16	Consumption	"
" 11	Caroline F. Hutchins.....	22	7	5	"	"
" 12	Marion H. Munroe.....	11	4	12	Rheumatic Fever.	Brighton.
" 19	Julia Crowley.....	...	1	...	Whooping Cough.	Lexington.
April 4	John Smith.....	76	6	...	Dropsy	"
" 11	Nancy E. Wentworth.....	52	8	...	Comb. of Diseases.	Grafton, N. H.
" 24	Nellie T. McCarty.....	2	6	2	Whooping Cough	Lexington.
May 4	Charles Hudson.....	85	5	20	Cancer of Bladder.	Marlborough.
" 4	Bridget O'Leary.....	1	8	14	Convulsions	Woburn.
" 5	Waiter P. Winship.....	26	10	10	Consumption	Lexington.
" 5	Curtis Capelle.....	74	6	...	Old Age.....	Groton.
" 11	Walter McIntyre.....	33	3	...	Suicide	Boston.
" 14	Walter E. Hutchins.....	...	5	...	Consumption	Lexington.
" 22	Dennis F. O'Leary.....	4	6	...	Whooping Cough	"
June 3	Maria L. Smith.....	81	2	...	Diabetes	"
" 4	Harry E. Peters.....	1	1	19	Whooping Cough.	"
" 20	Caiza Robbins, Jr.....	2	9	...	"	"
" 22	Thomas Welch, Jr.....	87	1	28	Old Age.....	"
July 1	Michael J. Leary.....	1	...	24	Measles	"
" 4	Dorcas M. Smith.....	78	6	21	Old Age.....	N. Yarmouth, Me.
" 5	Elizabeth H. Alderman...	50	8	...	Typhoid Fever...	Wallingford, Vt.
" 13	Margaret Sullivan.....	4	2	...	Whooping Cough	Lexington.
Aug. 2	Ann Patch.....	62	...	29	Soften'g of Brain.	Eastham, Mass.
" 11	Samuel C. Chase.....	64	...	...	Paralysis	Guilford, N. H.
" 20	Herbert Lincoln Roberts...	13	11	29	Tuberculosis	Boston.
Sept. 5	Richard Cummings.....	16	...	...	Inf. of Bowels	California.
" 20	Elizabeth C. Estabrook...	66	4	20	Malignant Tumor.	Lexington.
" 27	Francis Wellington.....	66	1	...	Insanity	"
Oct. 9	Patrick Caffrey.....	48	...	...	Cong. of Brain...	Ireland.
" 15	Thomazine P. Stevens....	53	6	20	Consumption	Gloucester.
" 16	William Gleason.....	76	9	...	Old Age.....	Shirley.
" 22	Maggie Vaughn.....	22	3	...	Consumption	Ireland.
Nov. 24	Emma A. Whitney.....	66	...	...	Typ. Pneumonia...	Ashby.
Dec. 9	Ella F. Butters.....	37	2	9	Heart Disease	Lexington.

Whole number of deaths.....46

Number of Males.....19

" Females.....27

—46

Number of American birth.....43

" Foreign ".....3

Number over 60 years of age.....16

" under 10 ".....11

SALE OF TOWN HISTORIES AND HISTORIES OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Number of Town Histories on hand Jan. 31, 1881.....	109	copies.
“ “ “ at Lee & Shepard’s, Boston. 56 “	56	“
Total.....	165	“
Number sold during the year.....	3	copies.
“ exchanged for other Histories.....	1 “ 4 “	“
Number on hand Jan. 31, 1882.....	161	“
Number of Histories of the Centennial Celebration Jan. 31, 1881.....	203	copies.
Number sold during the year.....	1	copy.
“ donated.....	3 “ 4 “	“
Number on hand Jan. 31, 1882.....	199	“

DOGS.

Whole number licensed in 1881.....	162
Amount returned to County Treasurer.....	\$300 60

LIST OF JURORS ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN, APRIL 11, 1881.

Bryant, Royal T.	Morse, John N.	Spaulding, Edwin S.
Cutter, William R.	Munroe, Theodore.	Simonds, Eli.
Fiske, Timothy K.	Nunn, Charles.	Simonds, Frank P.
Holbrook, Rufus W.	Parker, Charles M.	Smith, Abram B.
Jackson, George H.	Putnam, Charles.	Tufts, Albert N.
Jenney, Nelson W.	Reed, John Morton.	Tuttle, David A.
Kauffman, Charles G.	Roberts, Moses H.	Wellington, George O.
Lawrence, Lyman.	Ryan, Patrick.	Wellington, Walter.
Lowe, Charles H.	Smith, Webster.	Wright, Luke W.
Munroe, George.	Saville, Leonard A.	Wing, Leander J.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

The Engineers report the apparatus of the Fire Department in good working order, and membership of companies complete.

The houses of the department are in good condition and repair, with the exception that the house at the Centre Village needs painting, and we recommend an appropriation for that purpose.

Fires have occurred as follows:—

March 21st, 1 o'clock, A. M., “Slocum Mill,” in East Lexington, wholly destroyed; owned by town of Arlington. Loss, \$2,500. Fully insured. Cause, probably incendiary.

April 8th, fire in woods, near farm of L. A. Saville, on Concord road. Alarm answered, but needless.

April 24th, fire in woods, on Richardson’s Hill, Waltham Street. Extinguished by members and others.

April 25th, fires in woods, on estate of Joseph Richardson, and near West School-house, which were attended and extinguished.

Oct. 22d, 1.30 A. M., blacksmith and wheelwright shops on Main Street, Lexington Centre, occupied by McLaren and Morey, destroyed, and building adjoining, occupied by Horace B. Davis, partially burned. Cause, incendiary. Loss on Davis property, \$2,500; on other property, unknown.

Insurance as follows: McLaren, tools, stock, and wheelwright shop, \$500. Morey, on tools and stock, \$400. Horace B. Davis, \$1,500. C. R. Richardson, owner of blacksmith shop, not insured.

EVERETT S. LOCKE,
HENRY A. WELLINGTON, } *Engineers of*
HENRY A. TURNER, } *Fire*
 } *Department.*

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1, 1882.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

The Assessors have very little that is new or of much importance to report upon at the present time. There have been but few new houses built the past year, but as a general thing the buildings in town are in good repair, and show a decided improvement on what they were a few years ago.

We think it a mistake in those having available lands for building purposes, in not selling them when they can obtain a fair price for the same. There are instances brought to our notice within the past year, where good substantial buildings would have been built if the land could have been purchased at prices near what would be called a fair cash valuation for the same. It would seem that Lexington, in consideration of its nearness to Boston, its eligible building lands, and the excellent accommodation furnished by the Boston and Lowell Railroad, with a mere nominal indebtedness, and with a lower valuation and a lower rate of taxation than most of the towns in this vicinity, should increase its population and taxable property.

We would again call the attention of those holding any stocks, taxable by the State on the first of May, to the importance for them to see that they are credited to this town. Also, to call your attention to the law, passed at the session of the Legislature of 1881, relating to double taxation, so as to be prepared to furnish the Assessors with the necessary information when called for.

We give below the total valuation on the first of May, 1881, also the amount of tax assessed for State, county, and town purposes:—

Total valuation.....	\$2,539,061 00
State tax.....	\$2,445 00
County tax.....	1,228 64
Town Grants.....	28,657 00
Overlayings.....	486 11

\$32,816 75

Property belonging to the town exempt from taxation..	\$120,150 00
Valuation of Church property.....	53,700 00

Appended are statistics relating to valuation, etc., for the last eighty-one years.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,
WALTER WELLINGTON,
HORACE B. DAVIS,

Assessors
of
Lexington.

STATISTICS.

YEAR.	POPULATION.	NUMBER OF POLLS.	VALUATION.	RATE OF TAX.	TOWN GRANT.	STATE TAX.	COUNTY TAX.
1800	1,066	219	\$356,052	8 00 on \$1000	\$12,952 87	\$497 50	\$1,449 22
1810	1,032	304	310,967	8 00 "	2,075 81	605 00	1,760 47
1820	1,200	306	234,369	9 50 "	14,830 00	3,636 00	1,494 06
1830	1,543	368	247,466	10 00 "	12,915 00	4,848 00	1,494 06
1840	1,642	489	561,549	10 00 "	19,397 00	4,848 00	1,492 02
1850	1,853	522	1,869,453	15 50 "	18,530 00	8,319 00	1,283 51
1860	2,329	581	1,762,037	14 00 "	18,110 00	8,319 00	1,407 35
1861	2,329	615	1,745,644	15 50 "	17,650 00	8,850 00	1,576 24
1862	2,329	592	1,832,344	14 00 "	23,315 00	8,540 00	1,632 53
1863	2,329	624	1,687,348	12 50 "	19,839 00	4,425 00	1,803 41
1864	2,329	558	1,670,963	13 50 "	21,746 00	4,425 00	1,801 41
1865	2,233	585	1,701,655	16 00 "	35,390 00	3,000 00	1,739 67
1866	2,233	598	1,770,468	16 00 "	41,815 00	3,375 00	1,922 72
1867	2,233	601	1,999,137	13 00 "	35,590 68	3,000 00	2,052 89
1868	2,223	620	1,966,876	14 50 "	40,598 30	3,000 00	1,924 58
1869	2,223	609	2,254,831	12 00 "	32,592 30	2,934 00	1,923 90
1870	2,377	629	2,824,750	12 00 "	34,069 00	2,445 00	1,433 47
1871	2,377	618	2,536,011	13 60 "	33,241 36	1,630 00	1,177 45
1872	2,389	638	2,863,285	8 00 "	25,035 50	2,445 00	1,228 64
1873	2,296	706	2,946,424	12 40 "	28,657 00	2,445 00	1,228 64
1874	2,435	731	2,979,711				
1875	2,510	736	2,978,233				
1876	2,510	739	2,704,771				
1877	2,510	725	2,446,157				
1878	2,510	720	2,483,160				
1879	2,510	724	2,589,337				
1880	2,467	708	2,530,061				
1881	2,467	722					

The valuation prior to 1840 was made on a basis different from that on which it has since been made.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARY LIBRARY.

The number of volumes now in the library is 7,645; the number added during the past year is 516, of which 105, or more than one fifth, were given to the library. The number of volumes taken out during the year is 25,742, or nearly 10 per cent more than during the previous year. At the annual examination in July, the library was found to be in good condition.

In March, 1881, the Trustees received from George W. Robinson, Esq., a gift of twenty-five dollars for the purchase of books for public use. This sum has been expended in accordance with the wishes of the donor, and books of special value and interest have been selected. In January, 1882, Mr. Robinson gave another sum of twenty-five dollars to be used in a similar way. Miss Sarah Chandler gave several ancient published discourses relating to Lexington and vicinity; also a copy of the New England Primer and an Almanac of 1693. Mr. William Ham gave a spur, which he dug up near his residence, opposite the monument, and which, it is thought, may have belonged to an officer engaged in the battle of Lexington. Mr. Franklin Patch gave a cannon ball, weighing five and one half pounds, ploughed up recently in a field near Middle Street, and undoubtedly fired from one of the guns belonging to Lord Percy's command on the 19th of April, 1775. Hon. Samuel J. Bridge gave a bronze "Bridge" medal.

The miscellaneous collections of the library have been increased during the year by the addition of a cabinet of minerals and other specimens collected by the late Hon. Charles Hudson, and purchased by the town at a nominal price. William J. Currier, M. D., gave a copy of a roll of an old-time military company.

In July resolutions were passed in reference to the resignation of Rev. Henry Westcott, who has been an active and useful member of the Board since the foundation of the library in 1868.

In November the Trustees, at a special meeting, took action on the death of Mrs. Cary, by passing resolutions and draping her portrait for thirty days. Notice has recently been received from her executors that she has bequeathed to the library the sum of \$5,000, to be paid at the expiration of one year, in accordance with the law of the State of New York, which requires the lapse of that period for the settlement of an estate.

Of the volumes presented to the library, Mr. and Mrs. James Parker gave 25; the United States Government, 20; George W. Robinson, 10; F. H. Brown, 10 (besides pamphlets); E. G. Porter, 6; R. H. Conwell, 6; Dr. and Mrs. Pryor, 4; Charles Hudson, 3; Stephen Salisbury, Jr., 3; Hamilton A. Hill, 2; Henry Westcott, 2; George A. Paine, 2; Abbott Lawrence, 2; Mary E. Hudson, 1; Elizabeth Harrington, 1; Williams Latham, 1; Thomas Minns, 1; Charles O. Whitmore, 1; S. J. Barrows, 1; Bunker Hill Monument Association, 1; Town of Lexington, 1; Smithsonian Institution, 1; State Library of Massachusetts, 1.

EDWARD G. PORTER, *for the Trustees.*

CARY LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Cary Library debits himself as follows:—

Note of Town of Lexington, Feb. 28, 1871, 6 per cent....	\$5,000 00
U. S. Registered 4 per cent. Bonds (9 at \$100 each)....	900 00
Deposit in Lexington Savings Bank	318 46
Geo. W. Robinson, Esq., donation for purchase of books.	50 00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1881.....	14 69
“ received, Fines.....	14 50
“ “ Dog Tax.....	300 89
“ “ Interest on Town Note.....	300 00
“ “ Interest on U. S. Bonds.....	36 00
“ “ for sales of old paper, etc.....	1 93
	\$6,936 47

And credits himself with

Payment for Books.....	\$624 21
On account of expenses.....	46 51
Note, Deposit Books and Bonds.....	6,218 46
By cash on hand.....	47 29
	\$6,936 47

W. R. CUTTER, *Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1, 1882.

GAMMELL LEGACY.

To the Selectmen of Lexington:

GENTLEMEN,— It devolves upon us again to give you an account of our expenditures from the Gammell Fund. Several severe cases of sickness have occurred the past year at the almshouse, which have required a great deal of care and attention from the matron, who has never failed to do everything which a kind friend could do for all who were sick, and who has always manifested a motherly interest for all those under her charge. We think there has been a great improvement in the conduct of the children and in the general management of the house since she has been there.

Two deaths have occurred during the past year. One, that of a stranger, a lad of sixteen years, who had neither home nor relatives. He was sick when he came there, and only lived a few days. He was furnished with everything he needed, and seemed very grateful for the kindness which was shown him.

The usual luxuries were furnished for the holidays, and through the interest of the matron a Christmas tree was filled with something for each inmate of the house, which was useful and needed, and for a time, at least, all were made happy in the thought that, though poor, they were not forgotten or neglected.

Our expenditures have been \$31.05, leaving an unexpended balance of \$3.95.

Respectfully,

MRS. A. W. BRYANT.
MRS. L. S. PIERCE.

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1882.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CEMETERY.

The Committee have repaired the tomb, painted the hearse-house, cleaned the avenues and graded some of them, and have properly cared for the grounds in both cemeteries.

Those lots which the town has agreed to take care of by deposits made to the Treasurer have been properly cared for, and the expense paid from the income of the funds deposited.

We hear complaints occasionally that some people, in dressing their lots, rake up the rubbish and leave it by the side, which discommodes those of the adjoining lots, which, if carried off, there would be no reason for complaint.

The Superintendent has collected for lots sold.....	\$50 00
Balance in his hands from last year.....	166 32
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	\$216 32
Expenses	17 00
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	\$199 32
Consisting of cash.....	\$83 65
Balance in Lexington Savings Bank.....	115 67
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	\$199 32

L. S. PIERCE,	} Cemetery Committee.
T. M. BOWEN,	
L. W. WRIGHT,	

REPORT OF SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

Among the various duties required of a town officer there is no one who experiences more fault-finding, or receives more criticisms, or encounters so much annoyance, as the Surveyor of Highways. His every act is found fault with, his judgment questioned, his labor denounced as useless; in fact, no effort of his escapes condemnation from some source.

The advantages of a good road are never over-estimated; their worth is invaluable; and their necessity to a town is always appreciated. But to know how to make a good road, or repair one, is a task not many understand; yet there are but few who are willing to acknowledge their ignorance. The statement would not be considered extravagant, if it were said there are not many subjects of the importance of that of building or repairing a highway where there is more egotism or self-conceit displayed. Very often advice is offered from those who do not know how a load of gravel should be dumped, or even more, how it should be spread. To be a practical road-maker requires not only good judgment and experience, but a knowledge of the character of the material to be used, and its adaptation to suitable localities. All these qualifications ought not to be expected when a surveyor is employed only for a few months in the year, and perhaps not in consecutive years.

The lack of good material is becoming, yearly, a more important consideration. If an examination of the highways in town were made, it would be seen that from Arlington line to the Common, there is no elevation that can be reduced, consequently all material for repairs must be brought from other places. From the Common to Bedford line, not a single load of suitable material is obtainable; all that is used must be teamed some distance. The same is true of some other localities. That these difficulties have been experienced by our predecessors is apparent from the fact that the cost of gravel banks purchased in the past nine years is \$1,950, besides many hundred dollars paid transiently. The question has been raised as to the legal rights the Selectmen have to make purchases as in some past instances. The following vote, passed April 13, 1874, will serve to remove any doubt: "*Voted*, that the Selectmen, for the time being, are hereby authorized and empowered during the current year, or any future year, till this vote is annulled, to lease, purchase, or take any gravel-pit for the use of the town, for repairing highways or otherwise, as they may deem for the interest of the town."

In submitting a brief report of matters pertaining to the highways for the past year, we can say the appropriation made by the town for the repair of streets has been expended where, in our opinion, it was most needed. Still there are many of the streets where money could be expended to good advantage. A considerable amount of work has been done on Main Street, which, for the past years, has not received what was absolutely necessary, and yet there is much more work that should be done next season in order to keep that street in such

condition as the public will require. The bridge on Bedford Street, near the house of Mr. Ryan, has been rebuilt at considerable expense the entire width of the street, in a substantial manner, and is now the largest one in town. A culvert on Flint Street, that was relaid a few years ago, was found, upon examination, to have fallen in, so that the water could not pass through. It has been rebuilt in a thorough manner. Other drains have been put in where they were needed. Perhaps the time is not far distant when the town will see the necessity of adopting some of the modern appliances for road-making, such as a stone-crusher, rollers, etc., so that work, when done, will be thorough and permanent.

The recent severe snow-storms so obstructed the roads that travel was unavoidably impeded. If a little more forbearance and a little less selfishness had been exhibited in some instances, a better impression would have been made. We regret to say there are those who, when the streets become obstructed, look only to self, regardless of the public necessity or the requirements of the law. As an illustration, in one instance recently, complaint was made because a street was not opened before the storm ceased, alleging as one reason, that of being a tax-payer. This was true; but the individual paid a tax of about twenty dollars, and at the same time children were attending school from his place at a cost of ninety dollars per year. Another case in point was that a back street of nearly a mile in length should be opened before the main streets were attended to, for the reason that the applicant had two or three cans of milk to dispose of.

The old subject of clearing the sidewalks has again been resurrected, and the same inquiry made as to the reason of their not being cleared. If the oft-repeated reasons were stereotyped and placed upon the corner of every street, they would be forgotten. If the complainants would come before the town at the March meeting and humbly make known their grievances, perhaps the town would compassionately grant a good, generous sum for their relief.

In conclusion, we would say that we have endeavored to have the amount raised for the repairs of the streets, do as much work as possible; and those who have occasion to travel over them must judge for themselves whether they are in a better or worse condition than they were two years ago; we certainly hope they are no worse.

The amount appropriated for the highways the past year is amply sufficient, with the present number of teams owned by the town.

For a statement of the highway property, we would refer you to a report of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

B. C. WHITCHER,
A. W. BRYANT,
JOSEPH F. SIMONDS, } *Surveyors*
 } *of*
 } *Highways.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1882.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM.

In charge of the Highway Surveyors, Feb. 1, 1882.

3 horses, \$4.00; 3 carts, \$1.50.....	\$550 00
3 cart harnesses, \$45.00; 2 plough harnesses, \$10.00.....	55 00
1 wagon harness, \$5.00; 1 double harness, \$10.00.....	15 00
1 tool chest and contents.....	40 00
3 snow ploughs.....	50 00
1 chest and grain.....	14 00
2 cans and 1 spoon.....	1 50
1 plough, \$15.00; 5 snow shovels, \$5.00.....	20 00
3 blankets and surcingles.....	3 00
1 bush scythe and 1 evener.....	5 00
1 wagon, \$10.00; 1 scraper, \$15.00.....	25 00
2 grates, \$1.50; 1 road scraper, \$10.00.....	11 50
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	\$790 00

AMOS W. LOCKE,
WALTER WELLINGTON, } *Appraisers.*
PATRICK MITCHELL, }

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

At the commencement of the past year, the Overseers of the Poor came to the conclusion that a change of superintendent and matron at the almshouse was necessary, not only for the interest of the town, but also for the comfort and welfare of the inmates. The services of Mr. N. B. Stone and wife were secured, and they have so far discharged the arduous duties of superintendent and matron in a manner that has shown the interest they have taken in those placed under their charge. The farm and all the property belonging to the almshouse have been well cared for and kept in good condition. Some alterations made in the barn have added to its convenience; other changes have improved the general outside appearance. The buildings are in good condition, with perhaps this exception: the interior of the house could be very much improved if about \$200 were expended in painting and whitewashing, and also by purchasing some suitable furniture. The need of more furniture to take the place of much that is so worn and broken as to be unfit for use can easily be seen. Although the matron has kept everything in the best of order, yet the comment is often made by visitors that the credit of the town is not enhanced by the dilapidated appearance of a considerable portion of the furniture. A few bedsteads, several chairs,

and some crockery were purchased within the past year, as the needs of every day required.

The whole number of inmates at the almshouse the past year was 16; the present number, 13. There have been considerable sickness, and two deaths. Of the present number at the almshouse, one is bedridden and nearly helpless; one confined to her room by sickness; one insane, but harmless; the remainder are either so aged or so young as to require constant care. It will thus be seen that the matron has under her charge enough to call forth those qualities of head and heart that are so necessary to faithfully conduct an institution of this character. That she possesses these, we can indorse with pleasure. Her management has been firm; yet with that firmness was seen a kindness that won obedience and respect from all.

The products of the farm were considerably lessened by the early cold weather; there was enough, however, to supply the wants of the family.

The cost of support has been more the past year than the previous one, owing to the rise in the price of most of the articles in use.

The outside poor, as usual, are a constant appeal for assistance. All the applicants are visited by one of the Board before aid is furnished, for the purpose of ascertaining their situation. We are not aware of having been subjected to any imposition.

Amount paid for support of poor.....	\$3,181 16
Less received from income of farm.....	790 80
Less outside expenses.....	1,120 32
Cost of support at almshouse.....	1,270 04
Amount of appropriation.....	2,000 00
Excess of expenditure.....	390 36

The whole number of inmates during the year, 16; present number, 13; number of weeks' board furnished, including the superintendent's family, 713; cost per week, in cash, \$1.78.

We recommend an appropriation of \$2,000 for the ensuing year.

B. C. WHITCHER, } Overseers
A. W. BRYANT, } of
J. F. SIMONDS, } the Poor.

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1882.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM.

In charge of the Overseers of the Poor, Feb. 1, 1882.

1 horse, 150; 1 cow, 65.....	\$215 00
13 tons of hay, 280; corn fodder, 10.....	290 00
5 ladders, 5; 1 hay cutter, 5.....	10 00
7 hay forks, 4; 5 hay rakes, 1.50.....	5 50
1 scythe and 2 snaths, 1.50; 6 hoes, 3.....	4 50
1 iron bar and wrench, 2; 3 barrels, 60.....	2 60
3 bush. cob meal, 1.50; 18 bush. corn meal, 10.50....	12 00
4 baskets, 2; lot seed corn, 1.50.....	3 50
1 wagon harness, 12; 1 cart harness, 15.....	27 00
1 chain harness, 5; 4 augers, 2.....	7 00
1 set of measures, 1; 3 hand saws, 1.50.....	2 50
1 sled, 3; 1 double sled, 50.....	53 00
1 swill wagon, 45; casks, 5.....	50 00
3 hogs, 85; 2 shoats, 20.....	105 00
20 cords manure, 100; 3 hogs, 100.....	200 00
4 shovels and 4 forks, 5; 1 plough, 1.50.....	6 50
1 set of rackets, 3; 1 hogshead, 1.....	4 00
1 set of wagon wheels, 10; 1 cart, 40.....	50 00
1 wagon, 60; 1 pung, 20; 1 wheelbarrow, 6.....	86 00
2 ploughs, 25; 1 harrow and jack, 8.....	33 00
1 set of whiffletrees, 4; 3 blankets, 3.....	7 00
1 stone drag, 3; 1 grindstone, 1.50.....	4 50
Split wood in wood shed.....	50 00
4 cords of wood, 35; 2 wood-saws, 2.....	37 00
Coal in shed, 40; 1 trough, 5.....	45 00
Coal in cellar, 30; 1 barrel apples, 3.....	33 00
85 bushels potatoes, 98; 25 gallons vinegar, 7 50.....	105 50
6 cider barrels, 6; 25 bushels roots, 7.50.....	13 50
150 lbs. of pork, 15; 60 lbs. ham, 10.....	25 00
2 pork casks, 3; 10 gallons pickles, 5.....	8 00
1 lot preserves, 5; 2 wash tubs, 1.....	6 00
5 gallons of soap, 1; 85 lbs. lard, 12.....	13 00

Amount carried forward,

\$1,514 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	<i>\$1,514 60</i>
Tobacco, 4 ; 5 dozen eggs, 1.50.....	5 50
Miscellaneous, 5 ; 1 cook stove, 15.....	20 00
5 flat irons, 2.50 ; 3 coal hods, 1.50.....	4 00
3 chairs and 2 tables, 2 ; 1 lantern, 1.50.....	3 50
4 pails, 1 pan, 1 waiter, 2.50.....	2 50
4 barrels flour, 36 ; 37 lbs. butter, 14.80.....	50 80
1 refrigerator and contents.....	8 00
100 lbs. sugar, 10 ; contents in closet, 5.....	15 00
Miscellaneous in pantry.....	14 00
Crockery in closet, 4 ; 1 desk and 1 stove, 14.....	18 00
21 pair sheets and 16 pair pillow cases.....	13 00
1 clock and 2 books, 10 ; 3 lamps, 1.50.....	11 50
Curtain fixtures, 2 ; 2 tables, 6.....	8 00
10 chairs, 7 ; cooking stove, 6.....	13 00
2 tablecloths, 4 ; 2 washdishes and pan, 1.50.....	5 50
Crockery in closet, 3.50 ; 2 curtains and glass, 1.....	4 50
2 bedsteads and bedding, 25 ; 1 chest, 1.....	26 00
1 bedstead and bedding, 19 ; 1 stove and boiler, 10....	29 00
1 stove and oilcloth, 10 ; 2 chairs and table, 1.50.....	11 50
1 bedstead and bedding, 19.....	19 00
1 bedstead and bedding, 20 ; 3 chairs and stove, 14....	34 00
1 rubber blanket, 2 ; 1 bedstead and bedding, 16.....	18 00
2 chairs and table, 2 ; 1 bedstead and bedding, 15.....	17 00
1 chair and table, 2 ; 1 bedstead and bedding, 19.....	21 00
1 bed, 5 ; 2 bedsteads, 15 ; 1 looking-glass, 1.....	21 00
2 beds and bedding, 50 ; 3 chairs and table, 4.....	54 00
1 stove and carpet, 6 ; 1 chair and bureau, 3.....	9 00
2 bedsteads and bedding, 26.....	26 00
2 quilts, 1 blanket, 7 ; cotton cloth, 3.....	10 00
3 chests and one trunk, 4 ; sundries, 1.....	5 00
4 1-2 bushels beans, 14 ; 1 bushel peas, 1.50.....	15 50
50 hens, 25 ; 20 lbs. tea, 10.....	35 00
1 Alderman washing machine.....	3 50
4 screen-doors, 12 ; 1 stove, 2.....	14 00
6 outside windows, 7 ; carpet in entry, 12.....	19 00
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	\$2,098 90

The appraisers of the above-named property found it generally neat and in good condition. The inmates seemed happy and well cared for. The good order and the motherly care extended to the inmates warrant us in saying that the present master and matron are well fitted for their positions.

We found all the rooms in the house to be sadly out of repair, and requiring a great deal of hard work, on the part of those in charge, to keep them looking at all respectable. The rooms all need painting, whitewashing, and many of them ought to be papered. The furniture in many of the rooms has long since passed its usefulness, and needs to be replenished. We also think that some few of the rooms ought to be furnished with a carpet, to be occupied by those who may be sick, which would contribute greatly to their comfort, as well as to bring this institution up to what, in our judgment, it should be, a comfortable home for the worthy poor.

AMOS W. LOCKE,
WALTER WELLINGTON, } *Appraisers.*
PATRICK MITCHELL,

REPORT OF WATER COMMITTEE.

The action of the town meeting, Nov. 8th last, under Article 3, "To see if the town will contract with the Lexington Water Company to supply water through its hydrants for fire purposes, or act in any manner in relation to the matter," resulted in the appointment of a committee to investigate the subject and report to the March meeting ensuing. The Committee appointed under the foregoing article respectfully report: Several conferences have been had with the corporators of the Lexington Water Company, comprising the following named well and favorably known gentlemen, to wit, Messrs. Hammon Reed, its President; Moses Joy, Jr., of Milford, Mass.; Benjamin F. Brown, George O. Whiting, and Leonard A. Saville, from whom their plan and proposal have been obtained for supplying water to the town, and its inhabitants residing within the limits where pipes are to be placed.

The Water Company's charter restricts its operations on premises located on the southeast side of Main Street, near the base of Concord Hill, on which the company propose to construct one or more galleries, of sufficient magnitude in depth, width, and length, and where an inexhaustible supply of good water is procurable, and to pump, by steam power, into iron reservoirs on the top of Concord Hill, an elevation of upwards of one hundred feet above the house-tops in the villages, from thence to convey in eight-inch substantial iron

pipes, down through Main and lateral streets thereto, where required, to a point on Main with the junction of Bow Street, East Lexington; and to erect in the streets on the line of the pipes *thirty hydrants*, of the requisite design and device, and to keep, and maintain in needful repair, for instant use, at all times, and to *lease* the same to the town for the term of ten years from and after the completion of the works, the town yielding and paying rent therefor, for the use of the hydrants for fire purposes, the sum of \$1,000 per annum, in quarterly instalments of \$250, whenever the town shall have had, by proof positive, the ability of the Water Company to comply with all the provisions of the contract. Should, however, any event occur by which the company are debarred, disabled, or fail to supply the quantity and quality of water herein stipulated, the entire rental, for the use of water through the hydrants, shall be withheld until all the provisions contained in the contract shall have been absolutely fulfilled, the town not to become involved in any liability, or expense of whatsoever name or nature, until the Water Company shall have demonstrated fully and satisfactorily, by actual test, the presence of an ample supply of the character of water herein stipulated.

The company to exercise the needful precaution for providing against all damages occasioned by the excavations, and exposure of the public streets and highways, while laying the pipes, and to indemnify and save harmless the town for any and all claims which may be preferred on account of any negligence of the Water Company.

Mr. Joy represents, to construct and complete the

works for permanent, practical use, a cash expenditure of at least thirty thousand dollars will be required ; and from this investment will accrue in return annually to the town in tax income three hundred dollars or more, besides other sources of revenue and savings in favor of the town, consequent by the establishing of the proposed works.

There would doubtless avail a more economical administration of the annual expenditures required for the support of the Fire Department ; the hydrants located on the streets will be vastly more effective with hose attached in extinguishing fires than the engines now in use. No further annual demands will be made upon the town treasury to construct reservoirs in the villages for fire purposes.

The subject has been prominently presented to the Committee, that an important element of tax income prospectively to be derived would arise from emigration attracted herefrom Boston and adjacent cities of permanent, desirable residents, superinduced by an ample supply of pure water for domestic purposes, added to the already celebrated salubrity, with other local, historic, and salutary advantages. There are many acres of land, now of comparative trifling value, eligibly situated for the erection of first-class dwellings, and would probably be utilized for the purpose in case the water project is perfected.

Cochituate, Mystic, and Fresh Pond waters have been declared impure and unfit for domestic use. Many families and restaurants heretofore supplied with water from the above-mentioned sources now procure their supply from springs in the neighboring towns.

These are circumstances to induce and encourage families and individuals to turn attention to localities in the near distance from Boston where facilities exist for contributing to comfort, and more especially to health.

To enable the Committee to ascertain the sentiments of the citizens upon the subject, involving so much important public interest, special public invitations have been extended to meet the Committee at several stated periods for discussing the enterprise, and generous responses have been the outcome, showing conclusively a large majority of the citizens are in favor of the introduction of water by the methods proposed.

Therefore, while the Committee deem it incumbent to guard, with the utmost fidelity and care, all the avenues and by-roads leading to the town treasury, they unanimously conclude the social and material prosperity of the town will be vastly promoted by the introduction of the proposed water supply, and therefore recommend the acceptance of the proposal of the Water Company ; and would further recommend the town to make a contract with the Lexington Water Company, incorporating therein all needful precautions and safeguards for the protection of the town's best interest in the premises.

GEORGE W. ROBINSON, AMOS W. LOCKE, FRANKLIN ALDERMAN, CHARLES NUNN, WARREN SHERBURNE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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LEXINGTON, Jan. 25, 1882.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Receipts.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881, for Instruction, Fuel, and Care of Rooms....	\$8,400 00
Three fourths State School Fund.....	144 54
E. S. Spaulding, error.....	85
Wood Bros., paints returned.....	1 65
M. E. Rowe, tuition.....	20 00
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	\$8,567 04

Repairs and Incidentals.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$600 00
One-fourth State School Fund.....	48 18
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	648 18
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	\$9,215 22

Expenditures.

Amount expended.....	\$9,127,38
Balance unexpended.....	87 84
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	\$9,215 22

HANCOCK SCHOOL.

From School Grant.

Rosa Akerman, instruction.....	\$660 00
Ellen B. Lane, ".....	552 50
Ellen E. Harrington, ".....	400 00
Angelia M. Mulliken, ".....	400 00
Mary B. Spaulding, ".....	87 50
George Simonds, Jr., janitor.....	6 38
D. S. Sullivan, ".....	14 24
Walter W. Baker, ".....	54 38
W. A. Pierce, coal.....	133 75
M. O'Brien, cutting wood and cleaning vault.....	10 00
George F. Chapman, wood.....	7 06
Frank McCarty, cleaning.....	1 20
Bessie Desmond, ".....	6 00
Hannah Canfield, ".....	6 00
Mary Carroll, ".....	6 00
William J. Neville, wood.....	13 50
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	\$2,358 51

From Grant for Repairs.

Surveyors of Highways, grading.....	\$12 00
A. G. Whitcomb, ink, etc.....	2 48
School Committee, books, crayons, and stationery.....	16 03
Wm. H. Smith, repairing windows and painting.....	3 25
E. S. Locke, repairing furnace, window nettings, and lead.....	49 99
D. S. Sullivan, repairing erasers, etc.....	1 40
G. Swan, mason work.....	31 09
A. O. Gott, repairing clock.....	1 00
E. A. Mulliken, gravel and labor.....	3 75
Lyman Lawrence, screws.....	10
C. A. Butters & Co., brushes.....	5 05
L. A. Saville, mats, brooms, and soap.....	5 25
D. A. Tuttle, lumber, sash, and labor.....	8 30
W. W. Baker, repairing chairs and setting glass.....	5 00
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	\$144 69

ADAMS SCHOOL.

From School Grant.

Silas Peabody, instruction.....	\$1,000 00
Carrie F. Fiske, ".....	450 00
W. A. Pierce, coal.....	110 75
Silas Peabody, janitor.....	75 00
C. Donovan, labor.....	2 62
Mrs. Manley, ".....	7 40
W. J. Neville, wood.....	13 50
Wm. Chase, cutting wood.....	4 00
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	\$1,663 27

From Grant for Repairs.

Wm. Locke, mason work, setting glass, etc.,..	\$31 71
E. S. Locke, repairing stove and furnace....	40 89
Oliver Brown, repairing blackboard and windows.....	4 00
L. A. Saville, liquid for blackboard.....	6 00
William Keefe, cleaning vault.....	4 00
Silas Peabody, duster.....	1 50
R. W. Holbrook, pail.....	25
School Committee, books, crayons, etc.....	9 08
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	\$97 43

HIGH SCHOOL.

From School Grant.

W. H. Russell, instruction.....	\$67 50
Holmes Hinkley, ".....	293 75
Frank Carter, ".....	232 50
Geo. R. Dwelley, ".....	62 50
Frank O. Carpenter, ".....	836 25
Mary Caswell, ".....	206 25
Sarah W. Heard, ".....	157 50
J. G. Kauffman, janitor.....	80 00
Frank McCarty, cleaning.....	1 20
Mary Carroll, cleaning.....	4 00
Hannah Canfield, cleaning.....	2 00
Bessie Desmond, cleaning.....	4 00
Michael O'Brien, cleaning vault and cutting wood.....	4 00
W. A. Pierce, coal.....	120 00
W. J. Neville, wood.....	6 00
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	\$2,077 45

From Grant for Repairs.

Boston Daily Advertiser, advertising.....	\$0 75
Boston Journal, advertising.....	1 13
W. R. Cutter, expense securing teacher.....	1 10
School Committee, books, stationery, etc....	18 09
W. H. Smith, repairing windows.....	2 75
Expenses graduating class.....	3 00
W. C. Kendall, certificates.....	1 00
H. B. & W. O. Chamberlain, chemicals....	2 75
J. G. Kauffman, dust broom and cutting wood	3 25
" " removing snow and " "	6 00
" " removing outside windows..	1 00
E. S. Locke, stove and repairing furnace....	45 31
David Clapp & Son, printing.....	14 00
School Committee, ribbon for diplomas.....	60

Amount carried forward, \$100 73

Amount brought forward, \$100 73

Brooks, Rushton & Co., moving piano.....	5 00
J. R. Reed, expense in securing teacher.....	1 65
Surveyors of Highways, grading.....	12 00
Smith, Doolittle & Smith, chemicals.....	80
Otis Harrington, laying stone.....	9 25
A. W. Phillips, horse and carriage.....	1 50
F. M. Paine, repairing piano.....	1 25
G. Swan, mason work.....	3 75
D. A. Tuttle, labor and hardware.....	13 59
L. A. Saville, glass, broom, and soap.....	2 35
Wm. Locke, pointing wall.....	1 75
Frank O. Carpenter, car fare, etc.....	1 25

\$154 87

HOWARD SCHOOL.

From School Grant.

Nellie H. Parker, instruction.....	\$400 00
Clifford A. Corrier, janitor.....	11 00
W. W. Ferguson, janitor.....	4 50
W. A. Pierce, coal.....	24 00
William J. Neville, wood.....	6 00
Mrs. Abbott, labor.....	1 60
Mrs. Manley, labor.....	1 60
Richard Abbott, labor.....	25
Clifford A. Corrier, cutting wood.....	2 00

\$450 95

From Grant for Repairs.

Otis Harrington, two days' labor.....	\$5 00
E. S. Locke, repairing stoves and funnel....	8 75
Wm. Locke, mason work and setting glass..	5 90
American Shade Roller Co., shades and fixtures	7 50
D. S. Sullivan, hanging shades.....	1 50
T. K. Fiske, painting and repairing blinds..	15 00
L. A. Saville, broom and mat.....	1 21
School Committee, books.....	3 57

\$48 43

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

From School Grant.

Maria A. Butterfield, instruction.....	\$400 00	
W. A. Pierce, coal.....	24 00	
Richard Abbott, janitor.....	4 50	
C. H. Cutler, janitor.....	5 50	
Richard Abbott, labor.....	2 00	
Mrs. Abbott, ".....	4 00	
George F. Chapman, wood.....	6 06	
W. J. Neville, wood.....	13 00	
Thomas Anderson, labor.....	4 50	
		\$464 06

From Grant for Repairs.

L. A. Saville, duster.....	\$1 25	
Wood Brothers, paints, oil, etc.....	36 15	
Oliver Brown, painting.....	56 52	
William Locke, labor and stock.....	24 56	
D. S. Sullivan, hanging shades.....	1 50	
American Shade Roller Co., shades and fixtures.....	7 50	
E. S. Locke, repairing pump and stoves....	6 00	
School Committee, books.....	2 88	
		\$136 36

BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

From School Grant.

Emma E. Wright, instruction.....	\$450 00	
A. A. Nourse, cutting wood and room-cleaning	10 00	
George F. Chapman, wood.....	14 50	
George A. Nourse, janitor.....	20 00	
		\$494 50

From Grant for Repairs.

E. S. Locke, cleaning stove, repairs, etc.....	\$7 75	
School Committee, crayons, pencils, etc....	1 58	
Surveyors of Highways, grading yard.....	6 00	
D. S. Sullivan, hanging shades and repairing chair cushion.....	2 50	
		\$17 83

Amount carried forward,

\$17 83

Amount brought forward, \$17 83

W. A. Pierce, 4 tons coal.....	24 00
American Shade Roller Co., shades.....	7 50
W. J. Neville, 2 cords wood.....	13 00
G. Swan, mason work.....	10 40
L. A. Saville, broom and mat.....	1 40
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock.....	3 25

\$77 38

WARREN SCHOOL.

From School Grant.

Gertrude Pierce, instruction.....	\$450 00
Dennis McNamara, janitor.....	15 50
" " cutting wood.....	2 00
John McNamara, " ".....	1 50
Geo. F. Chapman, wood.....	7 93
W. J. Neville, wood.....	9 50
W. A. Pierce, coal....	6 00

\$492 43

From Grant for Repairs.

A. G. Whitcomb, chairs and cushions.....	\$4 75
E. S. Locke, funnel and repairs on stove and pump.....	7 25
J. A. Merrifield, repairing pump.....	3 00
A. Leavitt, repairing organ.....	2 00
Brooks, Rushton & Co., express.....	1 50
Lyman Lawrence, repairing pump.....	75
D. S. Sullivan, hanging shades.....	1 50
Mrs. McNamara, cleaning.....	3 90
American Shade Roller Co., shades.....	7 50
George H. Bailey, painting.....	32 75
Wood Bros., oils and paints.....	27 34
G. Swan, mason work.....	12 25
Wm. Locke, putting on windows.....	1 00
L. A. Saville, paints, nails, and glass.....	1 97
D. A. Tuttle, repairing blinds, etc.....	7 35
Smith & Co., express.....	95
School Committee, books, etc.....	4 34

\$120 10

COMMON TO ALL SCHOOLS.

From School Grant.

Ephraim Cutter, Jr., teaching music..... \$280 00

From Grant for Repairs.

J. F. Elder, covering eraser..... \$1 00
 Hammon Reed, letter heads..... 1 50
 M. R. Warren, ink and stationery..... 29 00
 School Committee, paper, ink, horse hire, etc. 15 30
 C. T. West, P. O. money order..... 10
 John Gould, arithmetical frames..... 10 00
 A. W. Phillips, horse hire..... 5 00
 Expressage..... 55
 Walcott & Litchfield, horse hire..... 1 50
 Walter Wellington, truant officer..... 3 00
 \$66 95

SUMMARY.

NAME OF SCHOOLS.	SCHOOL GRANT.	GRANT FOR REPAIRS.	TOTAL.
Hancock.....	\$2,358 51	\$144 69	\$2,503 20
Adams	1,663 27	97 43	1,760 70
High	2,077 45	154 87	2,232 32
Howard	450 95	48 43	499 38
Franklin	464 06	136 36	600 42
Bowditch	494 50	77 38	571 88
Warren	492 43	120 10	612 53
All Schools	280 00	66 95	346 95
Totals.....	\$8,281 17	\$846 21	\$9,127 38

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881..... \$2,000 00
 State of Massachusetts..... 32 41
 C. A. Butters & Co 10 26 || M. T. Batchelder, offal..... | 48 95 |
N. Shea, potatoes.....	4 75
B. C. Whitcher, pig.....	4 00
Lexington Cash Store, eggs, etc.....	9 09
B. Kenison, offal.....	66 70
B. C. Whitcher, pigs sold.....	72 00
N. Shea, pigs.....	7 00
E. S. Locke, error.....	2 25
J. F. Simonds, cow sold.....	84 50
N. B. Stone, produce, etc.....	74 10
L. A. Saville, butter.....	12 98
Highway Account, board horses.....	234 00
N. Harrington, board.....	88 93
M. T. Batchelder, offal.....	14 63
Jackson Bros., pork.....	23 00
" " calf.....	1 25
Excess of payments over receipts.....	\$2,790 80 390 43
Amount expended in connection with house and farm.....	\$3,181 23 \$2,048 91
Amount expended for outside poor.....	1,132 32 \$3,181 23

EXPENDITURES.

City of Cambridge, offal..... \$181 13
 Sarah M. Fisher, services..... 16 85
 John C. Fisher, "..... 58 32
 C. Wetherbee, use of horse..... 3 75
 L. A. Saville, groceries..... 54 96
 Amount carried forward, \$315 01

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$315 01
W. H. Smith, dry goods.....	44 85
George B. Dennett, labor and stock.....	3 13
Thos. M. Whidden & Co., chairs.....	9 00
F. R. Willis, dry goods.....	42 97
W. A. Pierce, coal.....	88 76
M. Manley, labor.....	18 00
B. C. Whitcher, grain.....	139 22
J. E. Soper & Co., flour.....	34 25
H. B. Davis, screen doors and hanging.....	10 00
R. W. Holbrook, groceries.....	62 40
Burdett & Williams, knives and forks.....	2 75
N. B. Stone, services.....	416 70
C. H. Lowe, provisions.....	77 99
Boston and Lowell R. R. Co.....	57
Charles Wetherbee, use of horse.....	3 00
Lyman Lawrence, sundries.....	2 00
Smith & Co., express.....	2 85
B. McEnroe, use of boar.....	6 00
Suffolk Paper Co., paper.....	1 82
Sears & Co., tea.....	76 75
Tucker Manufacturing Co., three iron bedsteads	24 00
John McKinnon, addition on stable and hencoop	111 98
F. H. Kneeland, smithing.....	3 15
T. L. Russell, bread.....	6 00
Brooks, Rushton & Co., express.....	1 75
J. Donovan, labor.....	9 75
L. Noyes, cash.....	2 00
Geo. C. Goodwin & Co., exterminator.....	1 00
C. A. Butters & Co., groceries.....	51 31
E. S. Locke, repairing stove, etc.....	24 46
J. F. Simonds, car fare.....	1 00
Wm. Ham, smithing.....	1 45
Whittemore Bros., plough and repairs.....	18 38
A. F. Spaulding, boots, shoes, and repairs....	56 55
C. K. Tucker, wheelwrighting.....	10 75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,681 55

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,681 55
Charles G. Fletcher, use of horse.....	1 50
B. C. Whitcher, cash paid Noyes.....	1 50
A. D. Lougee, ice.....	13 03
A. W. Bryant, clothing for R. Cummings....	2 50
J. W. Cavanagh, rubber suit.....	2 25
Lexington Cash Store, groceries.....	95 60
H. P. Webber, smithing.....	22 89
A. F. Spaulding, repairing boots.....	4 10
Jackson Bros., provisions.....	73 76
H. Holmes, medical attendance.....	2 25
N. B. Stone, clothing, labor, etc.....	50 28
Estabrook & Blodgett, cow.....	65 00
S. P. Langmaid & Co., outside windows....	7 45
Walcott & Litchfield, use of horse.....	1 00
N. Shea, labor.....	24 25
	\$2,048 91

OUTSIDE POOR.

Aid furnished Mrs. Hopkins.....	\$10 00
" " Joel Reed.. ..	8 00
" " Joseph Dane.....	2 00
" " Mrs. Winship.....	3 27
" " Walter Winship.....	9 00
" " Mrs. Lydia Gleason.....	103 00
" " Mrs. Connors.....	5 00
" " P. Keating.....	11 02
" " Wm. Corcoran.....	110 93
" " Mrs. R. L. Stickney.....	42 57
" " Mrs. Sipson.....	6 55
" " Susan Eager.....	2 05
" " Mrs. Graves.....	72 39
" " George B. Haggett.....	187 33
" " Mrs. Peters.....	55 00
" " Mrs. Hawkins.....	120 00
" " Mrs. Doyle....	4 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$752 11

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	<i>\$752 11</i>	
Aid furnished G. H. Burnham.....	29 71	
“ “ Mary Mullin.....	152 00	
John H. Curran, board of child.....	10 00	
A. W. Bryant, expenses in sundry cases.....	22 40	
W. A. Pierce, coal to sundry persons	31 25	
O. W. Kendall, funeral expenses R. Cummings	20 00	
“ “ “ “ Walter Esta-		
brook.....	7 00	
Paid State of Massachusetts for Kate Logan.	91 35	
H. Holmes, medical attendance Mrs. Keating	16 50	
		<i>\$1,132 32</i>

HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$3,500 00	
Bryant Bros., old wheels.....	6 00	
Merriam St. account.....	15 75	
Parker St. “	47 25	
Sidewalk “ gravel.....	47 35	
School “	30 00	
		<i>\$3,646 35</i>
Amount expended.....	\$3,431 06	
Balance unexpended.....	215 29	
		<i>\$3,646 35</i>

EXPENDITURES.

Patrick Kelleher, labor.....	\$225 00	
N. Shea, “	241 12	
John Ryan “	218 62	
Patrick Keating, “	51 75	
James Clifford, “	200 25	
M. Manley, “	231 00	
J. Donovan, “	211 63	
J. Callahan, “	80 25	
M. Barry, “	84 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$1,543 62</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	<i>\$1,543 62</i>	
Harrison Pierce, labor.....	272 34	
John Ready, “	166 13	
Frank Gaffney, “	172 50	
M. Hurley, “	4 50	
T. McDonald, “	143 63	
C. Ryan, “	31 50	
Thos. Cosgrove, “	6 00	
Martin Neville, “	4 50	
B. C. Whitcher, grain.....	224 12	
John A. Russell, smithing.....	17 80	
Whittemore Bros., shovels.....	7 65	
Boston & Lowell Railroad Co.....	76	
C. K. Tucker, wheelwright.....	37 70	
Gershom Swan, drain pipe.....	2 55	
Josiah Smith, smithing.....	2 70	
L. A. Saville, tools, etc.....	19 67	
I. P. Bacon, snow-plough.....	20 00	
Winchendon Road Scraper Co., scraper.....	50 00	
George W. Adams, 34 loads of gravel.....	3 40	
Nathan Fessenden, 93 “ “	9 30	
B. C. Whitcher, 106 “ “	10 60	
H. P. Webber, smithing.....	1 35	
Overseers Poor, board horses.....	234 00	
J. F. Simonds, Superintendent Highways..	125 00	
R. W. Holbrook, fuse	25	
Wm. Ham, smithing.....	77 54	
John Buckley, gravel.....	28 00	
Walcott & Litchfield, horse and buggy	5 25	
George Simonds, splitting stone.....	4 50	
C. Wetherbee, stone and carting drain pipe..	21 25	
Davis & Farnum Manufacturing Co., grates..	15 33	
Mrs. A. F. Garmon, hammer and bar.....	2 00	
A. W. Phillips, use of horse.....	14 40	
Dennis McNamara, building culvert.....	45 00	
David W. Lewis, drain pipe.....	3 57	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$3,328 41</i>	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,328 41	
E. S. Locke, water can.....	1 00	
Marcellus Day & Co., drain pipe.....	71 00	
Lyman Lawrence, repairing harness, etc.....	16 15	
Charles Tidd, stone for culvert.....	5 00	
A. F. Gould, " ".....	4 50	
A. Whittaker, " ".....	5 00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,431 06

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$1,500 00	
Patrick White, badge.....	1 50	
	<u> </u>	\$1,501 50
Amount expended.....	\$1,427 72	
Balance unexpended.....	73 78	
	<u> </u>	\$1,501 50

EXPENDITURES.

Adams Engine Co., pay roll, 1881.....	\$290 17	
Hancock " " " ".....	294 00	
Wentworth " " " ".....	147 50	
Hovey H. & L. Co., " ".....	120 00	
Bishop Bros., ladders.....	20 25	
Patrick Mansfield, steward " Hancock ".....	33 33	
Smith & Co., express.....	2 60	
James Boyd & Son, blunderbuss.....	13 00	
Bliss & Hawkes, 2 blank books.....	1 00	
W. A. Pierce, coal, " Hancock ".....	15 87	
" " " " Adams ".....	13 00	
C. G. Kauffman, books and stationery.....	1 75	
J. C. Fielding, refreshments.....	12 00	
W. A. Pierce, use horse, Brewer fire.....	3 00	
E. S. Locke, spittoons and repairing lantern..	3 40	
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture.....	26 05	
	<u> </u>	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$996 92	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$996 92	
C. A. Twitchell, 3 badges, Adams.....	3 00	
S. S. Sleeper & Co., soda.....	7 86	
National Manufacturing Co., 3 Johnson pumps	16 20	
G. W. Stevens, repairing lock.....	25	
National Rubber Co., leather pails.....	6 30	
D. Kilham, chairs and cushions.....	5 50	
Alexander King, cotton waste.....	60	
H. R. Earle, gas fixtures and labor.....	3 00	
John Peters, Jr., care " Hancock ".....	12 50	
A. W. Phillips, use of horse	5 00	
N. W. Pierce, " ".....	3 00	
J. E. Garmon, express.....	75	
S. S. Drew & Co., cambric and flags.....	5 46	
S. S. Sleeper, soda.....	8 97	
Hunneman & Co., lamps and rope.....	5 00	
Oliver Brown, painting and oiling floor,		
" Adams " house	2 75	
C. K. Tucker, whiffletree.....	75	
P. Kenison, use of horse 4 times.....	12 00	
Lexington Gas Co.....	11 76	
American Rubber Co., fire coats.....	30 00	
E. S. Locke, lanterns, etc., " Hancock "...	7 40	
" stove and pipe, " Adams "....	19 48	
" lamp trimmer, H. & L.....	50	
E. S. Locke, engineer.....	15 00	
Henry A. Turner, engineer.....	15 00	
H. A. Wellington, engineer.....	15 00	
Walcott & Litchfield, use of horse	7 00	
John Hanscom, use of horse.....	6 00	
" " load gravel.....	1 00	
C. A. Butters & Co., crackers, cheese and soda	2 83	
W. H. Smith, repairing windows.....	1 40	
Geo. C. Goodwin & Co., alcohol and oil....	2 58	
W. A. Pierce, wood.....	1 00	
C. G. Kauffman, oil and chimneys.....	1 35	
" " steward H. & L.....	20 00	
	<u> </u>	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,253 11	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,253 11
L. A. Saville, crackers and cheese, Davis fire.	6 11
John A. Strople, repairs on "Adams" engine house.....	71 50
John A. Strople, steward "Adams".....	50 00
R. W. Holbrook, pail, lantern, and mat.....	5 48
H. P. Webber, repairing hose carriage, etc...	2 37
Wm. Locke, whitewashing "Adams" house..	1 50
J. Chisholm, two straps.....	50
Augustus Childs, oil and chimney.....	1 55
H. A. Wellington, blankets, express, etc....	6 40
Henry K. Earle, steward "Wentworth".....	29 20
	<u>\$1,427 72</u>

CONTINGENT GRANT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$1,200 00
Rent of room to Miss Nash.....	56 25
Use of Town Hall and rooms.....	213 00
Use of village hall.....	27 00
S. W. Robinson, lodge.....	200 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	1,088 70
" " bank tax.....	694 62
Cash in settlement, William Wilson.....	15 00
L. G. Babcock, license.....	1 00
Chas. Adair, license.....	151 25
J. C. Fielding, license.....	151 25
L. A. Saville, Histories sold.....	10 60
" " town scales.....	39 73
" " powder.....	5 55
	<u>\$3,853 95</u>
Less appropriation for sidewalks, from corporation tax.....	800 00
	<u>\$3,053 95</u>
Amount expended.....	\$1,316 06
Balance unexpended.....	1,737 89
	<u>\$3,053 95</u>

EXPENDITURES.

C. T. West, key Town Hall.....	\$0 75
A. W. Locke, appraising Poor Farm.....	3 00
Walter Wellington, " " ".....	3 00
John McKinnon, repairing settees.....	5 50
B. C. Whitchee, ink.....	65
Michael O'Brien, labor.....	13 50
John Wright, damage sustained on highway...	7 00
Wm. Wilson, damages from accident on Bow st.	100 00
Fred W. Barry, record book.....	7 00
Clerk of Courts, Middlesex Co.....	40
A. O. Gott, repairing clock.....	1 00
P. Mitchell, appraising Poor Farm.....	3 00
G. L. Pierce, firing salute Fourth of July.....	10 00
Wm. Read & Sons, powder.....	17 00
Aiken & Woodward, 20 baskets charcoal.....	7 00
H. Holmes, services, new flag-staff.....	3 00
F. R. Willis, cambric and cotton for decoration	22 71
Charles Brown, gravel bank, on account.....	200 00
O. W. Kendall, repairs on hearse and guide-boards.....	10 26
Battery C, firing salute Fourth of July.....	100 00
O. W. Kendall, repairs on hay scales.....	12 65
Morse & Allen, services in Tower, Coffin & Locke vs. Hudson.....	150 00
John Cody, labor on Common.....	10 00
L. G. Babcock, painting and lettering guide-boards.....	20 00
A. W. Bryant, cash paid Clerk of Courts....	5 15
E. S. Spaulding, services with Auditors.....	5 00
H. B. Davis, expense and time in examining corporation tax.....	5 00
Middlesex County Commissioners, services in enlargement of cemetery.....	33 60
A. W. Bryant, travel and expense in sundry cases.....	18 23
	<u>\$774 40</u>
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$774 40

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,	\$774 40	
C. A. Butters & Co., brushes	1 35	
Clerk of Court, Middlesex County, recording	4 30	
D. A. Tuttle, repairing flag staff	2 00	
Thomes Burke, removing tree	50	
L. A. Saville, crackers for tramps	1 51	
C. G. Kauffman, oil, wicks, and drapery, Village Hall	12 37	
L. A. Saville, pail, candles, etc., Town Hall ..	6 78	
Charles Adair, six dinners	3 00	
L. A. Saville, halyard, and repairing flag	12 05	
“ “ recording births, marriages, and deaths	29 18	
C. R. Richardson, surveying land for addition to Cemetery	10 75	
A. E. Scott, services in nuisance cases	17 00	
Walcott & Litchfield, use of horse	1 25	
Lexington Gas Company	247 32	
E. S. Locke, repairing furnace, sealing hay-scales, etc.	14 05	
W. A. Pierce, coal, Town Hall	158 50	
“ “ “ Village Hall	19 75	
		\$1,316 06

STREET LAMPS.

RECEIPTS.

Amount appropriated and assessed for 1881 ..	\$1,200 00	
Amount expended	\$1,122 88	
Balance unexpended	77 12	
		\$1,200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Gas Light Company	\$840 07	
J. G. Kauffman	280 80	
Wm. Locke, repairing lantern	2 01	
		\$1,122 88

REMOVING SNOW.

RECEIPTS

Appropriated and assessed for 1881	\$500 00	
Excess of payments over receipts	21 79	
		\$521 79

EXPENDITURES.

Daniel Donovan, Jr.	\$3 00
Peter Birmingham	2 25
Jerry Reardon	4 50
Michael Carroll	1 50
B. McEnroe	8 25
Tim. Leary	3 75
M. Barry	8 85
M. Manley	12 00
N. Shea	5 25
Jas. Clifford	13 05
T. McDonald	3 00
John Lennon	10 20
John Cody	1 50
Wm. Hargrove	51 75
Abram B. Smith	5 75
O. Fullerton	4 50
Henry Jewett	22 35
Joseph F. Simonds	19 50
H. Pierce	9 75
S. C. Chase	4 00
A. W. Locke	18 80
John McDonald	75
Peter Peters	10 75
James Emory	2 70
M. H. Roberts	18 00
James McCann	4 50
Wm. Murphy	90
John Ryan	13 50
Daniel Mooney	4 50
Jeremiah Callahan	6 75
Patk. Reardon	75
Patk. White	3 75
Thos. Burke	75
Patk. Garrigan	4 50
Bart. Reardon	4 50

Amount carried forward,

\$290 10

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$290 10	
Bryant Bros.....	4 05	
E. W. Glass.....	32 55	
T. Kineen.....	43 20	
J. Callahan.....	75	
Albert Tufts.....	26 00	
P. Galligan.....	75	
Samuel Dudley.....	1 20	
Samuel Dudley, Jr.....	75	
Frank Gaffney.....	1 80	
Barney Caffrey.....	2 25	
Frank McGuire.....	6 52	
F. J. Parker.....	40 00	
John Osborne.....	54 87	
Thos. Anderson.....	75	
Stephen L. Wright.....	1 50	
D. P. Kennison.....	8 10	
John McCarty.....	2 60	
Geo. W. Jameson.....	4 05	
		\$521 79

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$300 00	
Excess of payments over receipts.....	336 80	
		\$636 80

EXPENDITURES.

C. D. Clark.....	\$537 50	
Walter Wellington, notifying the town, etc...	64 80	
John McKinnon.....	6 00	
A. T. Hadley.....	5 00	
E. S. Locke.....	6 00	
S. Hendley.....	17 50	
		\$636 80

STATE AID.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$336 00	
State Treasurer.....	572 50	
		\$908 50
Amount expended.....	\$387 00	
Balance unexpended.....	521 50	
		\$908 50

EXPENDITURES.

T. Burke.....	\$72 00	
Lydia Kinnaston.....	48 00	
Elizabeth McCreesh.....	40 00	
James A. Mitchell.....	9 00	
Emily Earle.....	48 00	
G. A. Page.....	72 00	
J. V. Ramsdell.....	54 00	
Mary S. Manning.....	44 00	
		\$387 00

GAMMELL LEGACY.

RECEIPTS.

Town of Lexington, interest of \$500.....		\$35 00
Amount expended.....	\$31 05	
Balance unexpended.....	3 95	
		\$35 00

EXPENDITURES.

Mrs. Pierce & Mrs. Bryant, sundries.....	\$10 50	
W. H. Smith, dry goods.....	7 02	
Mrs. Pierce, making clothes.....	90	
C. H. Lowe, poultry.....	10 13	
Geo. C. Goodwin & Co.....	2 50	
		\$31 05

PRINTING.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$300 00
Amount expended.....	\$213 00	
Balance unexpended.....	87 00	
		\$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

Hammon Reed.....	\$172 00	
C. S. Parker.....	40 00	
Boston Herald.....	1 00	
		\$213 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Amount received previous to 1881.....	\$2,050 00	
Received of executor Mary W. Merrill.....	100 00	

INCOME.

Interest to Jan. 1st.....		\$127 16
Amount expended.....	\$86 00	
Balance unexpended.....	41 16	
	<u> </u>	\$127 16

EXPENDITURE.

T. H. Bowen, care of lots.....	\$86 00
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ENFORCING LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$500 00
No expenditures.	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$300 00
Amount expended.....	\$300 00
	<u> </u> \$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. W. Bryant	\$100 00
J. R. Reed.....	100 00
W. R. Cutter	100 00
	<u> </u> \$300 00

SELECTMEN IN THEIR VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

RECEIPTS.

Amount appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$800 00
Amount expended.....	\$800 00
	<u> </u> \$800 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. W. Bryant	\$300 00
B. C. Whitcher.....	250 00
J. F. Simonds.....	250 00
	<u> </u> \$800 00

RINGING BELLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$70 00
Amount expended.....	\$70 00
	<u> </u> \$70 00

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. F. Ham.....	\$35 00
John Chisholm.....	35 00
	<u> </u> \$70 00

AUDITORS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$45 00
Amount expended.....	\$42 00
Balance unexpended.....	3 00
	<u> </u> \$45 00

EXPENDITURES.

H. B. Sampson.....	\$21 00
Gershom Swan.....	21 00
	<u> </u> \$42 00

REPAIRS MASONIC HALL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$25 00
Amount expended.....	\$19 77
Balance unexpended.....	5 23
	<u> </u> \$25 00

EXPENDITURES.

Gershom Swan, mason work.....	\$13 77
F. Schnieder, fresco work.....	6 00
	<u> </u> \$19 77

THE HUDSON CABINET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$80 00
Amount expended.....	\$58 30
Balance unexpended.....	21 70
	<u> </u> \$80 00

EXPENDITURES.

Estate of Charles Hudson, cabinet case, etc..	\$58 30
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NEW FLAG STAFF.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$500 00	
Excess of payments over receipts.....	2 50	
	<u> </u>	\$502 50

EXPENDITURES.

Caldwell & Odiorne, flag staff and raising...	\$400 00	
Young, Caldwell & Odiorne, labor, etc.....	55 00	
M. M. Pigot & Son, painting, lettering, and halyards	25 00	
George Flint, paint and labor.....	13 00	
C. Wetherbee, carting pole.....	2 00	
S. T. Hadley, labor.....	2 00	
Jerry Donovan, "	3 50	
James Clifford, "	2 00	
	<u> </u>	\$502 50

PARKER STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$200 00
Amount expended.....	\$198 37	
Balance unexpended.....	1 63	
	<u> </u>	\$200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Surveyors of Highways.....	\$47 25	
Nich. Shea, labor.....	15 75	
Patrick Kelleher.....	15 75	
Jerry Donovan.....	15 00	
T. McDonald.....	15 75	
M. Manley.....	15 75	
James Clifford.....	15 75	
H. Pierce.....	18 37	
John Ryan.....	9 00	
Frank Gaffney.....	15 75	
John Ready.....	14 25	
	<u> </u>	\$198 37

MERRIAM STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$100 00
Amount expended.....	\$69 12	
Balance unexpended.....	30 88	
	<u> </u>	\$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Surveyors of Highways	\$15 75	
Harrison Pierce, labor	6 12	
Patrick Kelleher, "	5 25	
Frank Gaffney, "	5 25	
Jere. Callahan, "	5 25	
M. Manley, "	5 25	
John Ready, "	5 25	
N. Shea, "	5 25	
M. Barry, "	4 50	
John Ryan, "	5 25	
Con. Ryan, "	6 00	
	<u> </u>	\$69 12

CARY LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$600 00
Dog Tax.....	300 89	
	<u> </u>	\$900 89
Amount expended.....	\$562 89	
Balance unexpended.....	338 00	
	<u> </u>	\$900 89

EXPENDITURES.

Grace S. Wellington.....	\$262 00	
Treasurer, Cary Library Dog Tax	300 89	
	<u> </u>	\$562 89

TREASURER CARY LIBRARY.

RECEIPT.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$50 00
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EXPENDITURE.

W. R. Cutter.	\$50 00
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TREASURER AND COLLECTOR FOR 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$400 00
Amount expended.....	\$300 00
Balance unexpended.....	100 00
	<u>\$400 00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

C. T. West, services.....	\$300 00
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TREASURER AND COLLECTOR FOR 1880.

EXPENDITURE.

E. S. Spaulding, services.....	\$400 00
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JANITOR TOWN HALLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1880.....	\$230 00
Excess of payments over receipts	18 31
	<u>\$248 31</u>

EXPENDITURES.

C. T. West.....	\$50 00
Walter W. Baker	158 31
C. G. Kauffman	40 00
	<u>\$248 31</u>

STATE TAX.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$2,445 00
Paid State Treasurer.....	2,445 00

COUNTY TAX.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$1,228 64
Paid County Treasurer.....	1,228 64

SAMUEL J. BRIDGE FUND.

EXPENDITURE.

F. E. Ballard, Treasurer, April 8, 1881.....	\$2,000 00
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TEMPORARY LOAN.

RECEIPTS.

New England Trust Company, June 7, 1881.....	\$5,000 00
F. E. Ballard, Treasurer Bridge Fund.....	2,000 00
	<u>\$7,000 00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Paid New England Trust Company, Sept. 9, 1881.....	\$5,000 00
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BILLS PAYABLE.

RECEIPT.

Appropriated from cash in Treasury.....	\$5,000 00
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EXPENDITURE.

Plymouth Savings Bank.....	\$5,000 00
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TOWN CLERK.

RECEIPT.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$100 00
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EXPENDITURE.

L. A. Saville.....	\$100 00
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SEXTON.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$75 00
Amount expended.....	\$51 25
Balance unexpended.....	23 75
	<u>\$75 00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

O. W. Kendall, attending forty-one funerals,.....	\$51 25
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INSURANCE ON TOWN HALL AND FURNITURE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$136 00
Amount expended.....	136 00

EXPENDITURE.

George W. Taylor.....	\$136 00
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INSURANCE OF VILLAGE HALL AND ALMSHOUSE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$160 00
Amount expended.....	\$120 00	
Balance unexpended.....	40 00	
	<u> </u>	\$160 00

EXPENDITURE.

George W. Taylor.....	\$120 00
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INSURANCE ON SCHOOL-HOUSES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$300 00
Amount expended.....	\$204 00	
Balance unexpended.....	96 00	
	<u> </u>	\$300 00

EXPENDITURE.

George W. Taylor.....	\$204 00
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DECORATION DAY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$75 00
Amount expended.....	\$74 25	
Balance unexpended.....	75	
	<u> </u>	\$75 00

EXPENDITURE.

E. S. Locke.....	\$74 25
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ASSESSORS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....		\$425 00
Amount expended.....	\$421 80	
Balance unexpended.....	3 20	
	<u> </u>	\$425 00

EXPENDITURES.

Walter Wellington.....	\$120 00	
H. B. Davis.....	130 00	
J. F. Simonds.....	160 00	
H. B. Davis, travel.....	5 00	
Aaron R. Gay, stationery.....	6 80	
	<hr/>	\$421 80

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$3,000 00	
Interest on overdue taxes 1880.....	115 57	
“ “ “ 1881.....	29 06	
New England Trust Company.....	28 75	
Commonwealth Bank.....	61 22	
	<hr/>	\$3,234 60
Amount expended.....	\$3,023 47	
Balance unexpended.....	211 13	
	<hr/>	\$3,234 60

EXPENDITURES.

State Treasurer.....	\$1,500 00
Treasurer Cary Library.....	300 00
Gammell Legacy.....	35 00
New England Trust Company.....	41 98
Estate of George Holden.....	861 00
Treasurer of Bridge Fund.....	20 83
Cemetery Trust Fund.....	127 16
Plymouth Savings Bank.....	137 50
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	\$3,023 47

SIDEWALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from corporation tax.....	\$800 00	
Receipts from abutters.....	548 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,348 05
Amount expended.....	\$1,330 39	
Balance unexpended.....	17 66	
	<hr/>	\$1,348 05

EXPENDITURES.

D. F. Tripp, concreting.....	\$1,283 04	
Surveyors Highways, gravel and labor	47 35	
	<hr/>	\$1,330 39

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

RECEIPT.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$500 00
Taxes abated.....	\$220 65

IMPROVING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1881.....	\$150 00
Amount expended.....	\$105 81
Balance unexpended.....	44 19
	<u>\$150 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

T. H. Bowen, labor and stock.....	\$88 45
O. W. Kendall, painting hearse-house, etc...	17 36
	<u>\$105 81</u>

RECAPITULATION.

CASH RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1881.....	\$4,762 48
State School Fund and sundry receipts.....	215 22
Patrick White, badge.....	1 50
Support of the poor.....	790 80
Contingent.....	2,653 95
State aid.....	572 50
Highways.....	146 35
Gammell legacy.....	35 00
Cemetery Trust Fund, deposits.....	100 00
Cemetery Trust Fund, interest.....	127 16
Dog tax.....	300 89
Temporary loan.....	7,000 00
Interest.....	234 60
Sidewalks.....	548 05
Taxes of 1880.....	3,977 56
Taxes of 1881.....	28,331 40
	<u>\$49,797 46</u>

CASH EXPENDITURES.

Schools.....	\$9,127 38
Fire Department.....	1,427 72
Support of the poor.....	3,181 23
Contingent.....	1,316 06
Street lamps.....	1,122 88
Removing snow.....	521 79
Constable and police.....	636 80
State aid.....	387 00
Highways.....	3,431 06
Gammell legacy.....	31 05
Printing and contingencies.....	213 00
Cemetery Committee.....	86 00
School Committee.....	300 00
Selectmen.....	800 00
Ringin bells.....	70 00
Auditors.....	42 00
Repairs on Masonic Hall.....	19 77
Hudson Cabinet.....	58 30
New flag staff.....	502 50
Parker Street.....	198 27
Merriam Street.....	69 12
Cary Library.....	562 89
Treasurer Cary Library.....	50 00
Treasurer and collector, 1881.....	300 00
“ “ “ 1880.....	400 00
Janitors of Town Halls.....	248 31
State Tax.....	2,445 00
County Tax.....	1,228 64
F. E. Ballard, treasurer of bridge fund.....	2,000 00
New England Trust Co.....	5,000 00
Bills payable.....	5,000 00
Town Clerk.....	100 00
Sexton.....	51 25
Insurance on Town Hall and furniture.....	136 00
“ “ Village Hall and Almshouse.....	120 00
“ “ school-houses.....	204 00
	<u>\$41,388 12</u>
Amount carried forward,	

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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$41,388 12
Decoration Day.....	74 25
Assessors.....	421 80
Interest.....	3,023 47
Sidewalks.....	1,330 39
Improving Cemetery.....	105 81
Balance.....	3,453 62
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	\$49,797 46

We have examined each and every voucher for the items in the foregoing report, and find them to be correctly cast.

GERSHOM SWAN,
HILMAN B. SAMPSON, } *Auditors.*

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
TOWN OF LEXINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1881-82.



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1882.

REPORT.

THE School Committee of Lexington submit the following report:—

At the annual meeting, on March 7, 1881, the town voted to appropriate, as recommended by the Committee, for the support of public schools the ensuing year, the following sums:—

For instruction, fuel, and care of rooms.....	\$8,400 00
For incidentals and repairs.....	600 00
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Town appropriation.....	\$9,000 00
Received from State School Fund.....	192 72
“ for Tuition, out-of-town Scholars.....	20 00
“ from other sources.....	2 50
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Total.....	\$9,215 22

Bills have been approved by them for 1881-82, as follows:—

Instruction.....	\$7,386 25
Fuel.....	552 55
Care of rooms.....	345 25
Repairs and incidentals.....	843 33
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	\$9,127 38

In detail, as follows:—

ADAMS SCHOOL.

Instruction.....	\$1,450 00
Fuel.....	124 25
Care of rooms.....	82 40
Repairs, etc.....	102 80
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	\$1,759 45

BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

Instruction.....	\$450 00
Fuel.....	51 50
Care of rooms.....	25 00
Repairs, etc.....	45 38
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	\$571 88

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Instruction.....	\$400 00
Fuel.....	43 06
Care of rooms.....	15 00
Repairs, etc.....	143 61
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	\$601 67

HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Instruction.....	\$2,100 00
Fuel.....	154 31
Care of rooms.....	94 20
Repairs, etc.....	154 59
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	\$2,503 10

HIGH SCHOOL.

Instruction.....	\$1,856 25
Fuel.....	126 00
Care of rooms.....	91 20
Repairs, etc.....	158 37
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	\$2,231 82

HOWARD SCHOOL.

Instruction.....	\$400 00
Fuel	30 00
Care of rooms	18 95
Repairs, etc.....	50 43

\$499 38

WARREN SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$450 00
Fuel.....	23 43
Care of rooms	18 50
Repairs, etc.....	118 85

\$610 78

Instruction in music.....	\$280 00
Not classified.....	69 30

\$349 30

Amount of bills approved for 1881-2.....	\$9,127 38
Unexpended balance.....	87 84

\$9,215 22

At a meeting of the Committee, on March 10th, J. Russell Reed was chosen chairman and W. R. Cutter secretary. The Committee organized for the management of the agency for the sale of school books, by the choice of W. R. Cutter, treasurer, and J. R. Reed and A. W. Bryant, auditors, and herewith submit a report:—

The treasurer appointed by the Committee debits himself as follows:—

Cash received of Grace S. Wellington, agent ..	\$335 50
Cash received for sales.....	2 40
Cash received of town of Lexington for text- books and sundry articles furnished.....	68 92
	\$406 82

And credits himself with:—

Payment for books and other articles furnished the schools.....	\$356 98
Services of agent	41 28
Other expenses	8 56
	\$406 82

W. R. CUTTER, *Treasurer.*

Correct and properly vouched.

JAMES RUSSELL REED, }
ALBERT W. BRYANT, } *Auditors.*

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1, 1882.

The whole number of school children, May 1, as reported by the Assessors, is 382.

At the examination for admission to the High School of eighteen applicants, one was rejected after examination.

Admitted without conditions.....	11
From Adams School.....	3
" Franklin School.....	1
" Hancock School.....	7
Admitted with one condition.....	3
From Hancock School.....	3
Admitted with two conditions.....	3
From Adams School.....	1
" Franklin School.....	1
" Hancock School.....	1

The names of the graduating class of the High School for 1881 were: Rebecca A. Holbrook, Sarah Ryan, George W. Sampson, Florence E. Whitcher.

In compliance with the By-Laws concerning truant children, adopted by the town, the regularly appointed

truant officers have made their annual report to the Committee.

Mr. Walter Wellington states that he was called upon once to look after absentees, and took the absentee to the school-room; assurance was given that the person would regularly attend school.

The services of the other officer have not been called the past year.

Mr. Walter Wellington and Mr. Walter W. Baker are the truant officers appointed for the ensuing year.

CHANGES IN TEACHERS.

These have been numerous, and may be spoken of briefly as follows:—

Feb. 7, 1881. Mr. Ephraim Cutter, Jr., as music teacher, in place of Miss Wheildon, resigned.

March 17. Mr. Holmes Hinkley as principal of High School, in place of George R. Dwelley, resigned.

May 30. Mr. Frank O. Carpenter as principal of High School, in place of Holmes Hinkley, resigned.

Sept. 5. Miss Mary Caswell as assistant in High School, in place of Frank Carter, resigned.

Nov. 28. Miss Sarah W. Heard as assistant in High School, in place of Miss Caswell, resigned.

Mrs. Akerman, teacher of Hancock Grammar School, being absent several weeks from ill health, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Spaulding have acted as substitutes in that building.

REPAIRS.

The Committee have made the usual repairs, and painted the outside of two school-houses. They have

whitewashed the interior of nearly all the school-houses, repaired the foundations by relaying stonework and grading up around them, rebuilt the tops of chimneys in want of repair, and provided new window-curtains for several school-houses. The items of fuel and repairs on heating apparatus have been greater and more expensive than usual, owing to the severity and length of the winter season of 1880-81, and the advance in the price of coal and the increased quantity demanded.

ROLL OF HONOR.—*Scholars not absent or tardy.*

ADAMS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR. — Frederic Fletcher, Arthur Gossom.

FOR A TERM. — Carrie Kauffmann, Ernest Kauffmann, Fannie Kauffmann, Julia Maynard, Ellsworth Pierce, Winsor S. Smith, Bertha Webb, George Webb, Henry Webb.

ADAMS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR. — Martha E. Childs, Arthur S. Tyler, Edward L. Tyler.

FOR A TERM. — Mary E. Cowell, Alice Fletcher.

BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM. — Edward D. Folsom, Richard Hinchey, Peter Kineen, Charles F. Nourse, Gertrude A. Ryan, Katie J. Ryan.

HANCOCK GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM. — Lillie R. Killman, Arthur McDonald, Edward P. Merriam, Lilla Norris, Addie C. Peters, Cora F. Peters, Belle F. Rowe, John Ryan, Walter K. Shaw, Florence Thayer.

HANCOCK SUB-GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM. — Frederick Bailey, William Brown, Daniel Calahan, Florence Clarke, Charles Haggett, Alice Harrington, John Peters, William Ryan, Dennis Sullivan, Thomas Whiting.

HANCOCK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM. — Nellie L. Bacon, Mary O'Hearn, Winnifred Willis.

HIGH SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM. — Lillie Adair, Michael Hinchey, Annie Jones, Sylvia B. Reed, Lincoln Shedd.

HOWARD SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM. — Clifford Corrier, Gertrude Corrier, Minnie Crowley, William Sherman.

WARREN SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR. — Mary Ellen Hinchey, Dennis McNamara, Nellie McNamara.

FOR A TERM. — Frank Capelle, Mary A. Murphy.

While little comment is needed upon the general condition of the schools and the satisfactory progress made by the pupils, yet special mention should be made of improvement in the four smaller schools, — the Warren, Howard, Franklin, and Bowditch, — and of general improvement in singing in all.

The frequent change of teachers at the High School has, of course, acted to its detriment, and the school does not stand as high as in former years, though we believe that another season under the present teachers will show a marked change for the better. It is but just that we should express our sense of obligation to the late principal, George R. Dwelley, for faithful work during several years, and our regret at losing a man at once so ripe a scholar and so thorough an instructor in the practical ways of business life.

The experiment of preparing hot cocoa and chocolate for lunch by the young ladies of the school in turn

has worked successfully thus far, both as a step in practical education and as a means of avoiding the exhaustion often caused by a long-continued session. Many of the scholars live at such a distance that it is frequently seven hours or more from the time they leave home in the morning until they reach it again; and, from a sanitary point of view, this is too long a time for growing boys and girls to go without some warm nourishment during the winter, especially if they are to work well for the last hour. The expense to the town has been quite small, the scholars contributing equally to purchase the supplies needed, and the cost to each of them being about one and one third cents per day.

In asking for the appropriation for the ensuing year, the Committee ask for no more than is absolutely necessary to sustain the present character and efficiency of our schools.

The Committee ask the town to appropriate for the support of public schools the ensuing year the following sums:—

For instruction, fuel, and care of rooms.....	\$8,400 00
For incidentals and repairs.....	600 00
	<u>\$9,000 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES RUSSELL REED.

WILLIAM R. CUTTER.

ALBERT W. BRYANT.

LEXINGTON, February, 1882.

TABULAR VIEW SHOWING SALARIES, ETC.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	No. of Scholars 1st Term.	No. of Scholars 2d Term.	Average Number 1st Term.	Average Number 2d Term.	Average Number for Year.	Per ct. at- tendance of actual members.	Salaries.	Date when origi- nally appointed.
High.....	{ Frank O. Carpenter. { Sarah W. Heard....	45	51	42	50	46	93	\$1200 00 700 00	May 31, 1881. Nov. 25, 1881.
Hancock Grammar....	Rosa Akerman.....	48	49	41	43	42	94	800 00	Dec. 30, 1875.
Hancock Sub-Grammar	Ellen B. Lane.....	26	32	24	31	27	95	500 00	Mar. 22, 1870.
Hancock Intermediate.	Ellen E. Harrington..	24	22	22	21	21	93	400 00	Sept. 3, 1874.
Hancock Primary	Amelia M. Mulliken..	32	39	28	35	31	89	400 00	Nov. 21, 1878.
Adams Grammar	Silas Peabody.....	30	33	27	30	28	91	1000 00	Oct. 26, 1867.
Adams Primary	Carrie F. Fiske	26	29	23	26	24	86	450 00	Mar. 22, 1872.
Warren.....	Gertrude Pierce.....	31	35	25	28	26	75	450 00	Aug. 25, 1879.
Bowditch	Emma E. Wright	44	42	30	33	31	89	450 00	Dec. 29, 1876.
Franklin	Maria A. Butterfield..	19	17	16	16	16	92	400 00	June 26, 1875.
Howard	Nellie H. Parker.....	15	20	14	20	17	95	400 00	Jan. 31, 1880.
Music Teacher	Ephraim Cutter, Jr....	..	..	..	..	..	..	320 00	Jan. 31, 1881.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1881.

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR, AND SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.
BRADLEY C. WHITCHER, ALBERT W. BRYANT,
JOSEPH F. SIMONDS.

TOWN CLERK.
LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

ASSESSORS.
JOSEPH F. SIMONDS, WALTER WELLINGTON,
HORACE B. DAVIS.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.
CHARLES T. WEST.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
J. RUSSELL REED, Term expires in 1884.
ALBERT W. BRYANT, Term expires in 1883.
WILLIAM R. CUTTER, Term expires in 1882.

CONSTABLES.
WALTER WELLINGTON, WALTER W. BAKER.

AUDITORS.
GERSHOM SWAN, HILMAN B. SAMPSON.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.
TIMOTHY H. BOWEN, Term expires in 1884.
LORING S. PIERCE, Term expires in 1883.
LUKE W. WRIGHT, Term expires in 1882.

TRUSTEES OF BRIDGE FUND.
GEORGE O. DAVIS, Six Years. GEORGE E. MUZZEY, Two Years.
FRANCIS E. BALLARD, Four Years.

TRUSTEES OF GAMMELL LEGACY.
MRS. L. S. PIERCE, MRS. A. W. BRYANT.

FENCE VIEWERS.
B. T. BATCHELLER, HAMMON REED,
HOWLAND HOLMES.

FIELD DRIVERS.
LYMAN W. ESTABROOK, HERBERT L. WELLINGTON,
JOSEPH F. WHITNEY.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.
DAVID A. TUTTLE, LEONARD A. SAVILLE,
OLIVER W. KENDALL.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF TOWN SCALES.
LEONARD A. SAVILLE, RUFUS HOLBROOK.

WEIGHER OF GRAIN.—BRADLEY C. WHITCHER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.
AUGUSTUS CHILDS, FRANK V. BUTTERS,
HORACE B. DAVIS, LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.
EVERETT S. LOCKE, HENRY A. WELLINGTON,
HENRY A. TURNER.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL BUILDING.—WALTER W. BAKER.

JANITOR OF VILLAGE HALL.—CHARLES G. KAUFFMANN.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.
AMOS W. LOCKE, WALTER WELLINGTON,
PATRICK MITCHELL.

SEXTON.—OLIVER W. KENDALL.

LIBRARIAN OF CARY LIBRARY.—MISS GRACE S. WELLINGTON.

TREASURER OF CARY LIBRARY.—WILLIAM R. CUTTER.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—EVERETT S. LOCKE.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.
CYRUS D. CLARK, WALTER WELLINGTON.

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